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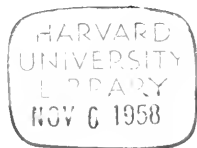
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PUBLIC LAW 601, 79TH CONGRESS

The legislation under which the House Committee on Un-American Activities operates is Public Law 601, 79th Congress [1946], chapter 753, 2d session, which provides:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, * * **

PART 2—RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RULE X

SEC. 121. STANDING COMMITTEES

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17. Committee on Un-American Activities, to consist of nine Members.

RULE XI

POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

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(q) (1) Committee on Un-American Activities.

(A) Un-American activities.

(2) The Committee on Un-American Activities, as a whole or by subcommittee, is authorized to make from time to time investigations of (i) the extent, character, and objects of un-American propaganda activities in the United States, (ii) the diffusion within the United States of subversive and un-American propaganda that is instigated from foreign countries or of a domestic origin and attacks the principle of the form of government as guaranteed by our Constitution, and (iii) all other questions in relation thereto that would aid Congress in any necessary remedial legislation.

The Committee on Un-American Activities shall report to the House (or to the Clerk of the House if the House is not in session) the results of any such investigation, together with such recommendations as it deems advisable.

For the purpose of any such investigation, the Committee on Un-American Activities, or any subcommittee thereof, is authorized to sit and act at such times and places within the United States, whether or not the House is sitting, has recessed, or has adjourned, to hold such hearings, to require the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, papers, and documents, and to take such testimony, as it deems necessary. Subpenas may be issued under the signature of the chairman of the committee or any subcommittee, or by any member designated by any such chairman, and may be served by any person designated by any such chairman or member.

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RULE XII

LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT BY STANDING COMMITTEES

SEC. 136. To assist the Congress in appraising the administration of the laws and in developing such amendments or related legislation as it may deem necessary, each standing committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall exercise continuous watchfulness of the execution by the administrative agencies concerned of any laws, the subject matter of which is within the jurisdiction of such committee; and, for that purpose, shall study all pertinent reports and data submitted to the Congress by the agencies in the executive branch of the Government.

RULES ADOPTED BY THE 85TH CONGRESS

House Resolution 5, January 3, 1957

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SYNOPSIS

Hearings concerning Communist activities and infiltration in the South were held in Atlanta, Georgia, on July 29, 30, and 31, 1958.

The testimony of Armando Penha forcefully illustrated the Communists' alertness to opportunities presented them and the need they feel to concentrate their insidious efforts on penetrating new industries in that area. Mr. Penha had been an undercover operative for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the ranks of the Communist Party from early in 1950 until the spring of 1958. During this time, he had risen to high rank in the party, both in his native New England and also on the national level. One of the important positions he had held was membership on the conspiracy's National Textile Commission, with which he served from its inception in 1955 until the completion of his FBI assignment. Mr. Penha described the Commission as follows:

The National Textile Commission is a leading body, nationally, that is set up for the purposes of controlling, coordinating, and supervising the infiltration and colonization within the textile industry, particularly within the South.

Mr. Penha gave the following information on the composition and duties of the Commission in this and prior committee hearings:

1. The National Textile Commission is composed of 5 members. Through one of them, it has direct contact with, and operates on the orders of, the party's National Committee in New York.

2. The Commission is highly secret. Its members have code names. Their true identity is not supposed to be known even to one another. Extreme security precautions are taken in conducting its meetings.

3. The Commission provides "colonizers" from the North for work in the South. (A colonizer is a hard-core party member "directed by the Communist Party to teach and spread propaganda in order to cultivate the workers within a plant or industry or legitimate organization.") These colonizers move into the South and obtain employment in the textile industry. Some are highly educated, holding bachelor's or master's degrees, and conceal this fact in order to obtain menial jobs which put them in contact with the rank-and-file workers.

4. The Commission furnishes the finances required to implement the party's plan of penetration in the South.

Penha, as a member of the National Textile Commission of the party, was sent into the South in 1955 to offer guidance to party members engaged in the infiltration-colonization operation. He traveled throughout North and South Carolina and, although extreme security measures were exercised, including the use of code names, was able to learn the identity of many persons he met. A considerable number of them were colonizers from the North.

Several persons Mr. Penha met on this trip were called as witnesses in these hearings. One was Madge Spurny Cole, currently employed

in a textile mill in North Carolina, who testified that she is a native of New York State and holds a master's degree from New York University. Her application for employment at this mill, produced by the committee during the hearing, stated that she was merely a high school graduate. Mrs. Cole invoked the fifth amendment when asked if she was a Communist Party member.

William J. Robertson, III, another witness and a college graduate, had followed the practice of Mrs. Cole by concealing his higher education when he applied for his position with a Southern textile mill. Like Mrs. Cole, Robertson also invoked the fifth amendment when asked to confirm or deny Penha's testimony concerning his part in the Communist Party plan to penetrate the South.

Several other witnesses who were identified by Penha as party members likewise refused, on the grounds of the fifth amendment, to furnish the committee with any information concerning their part in Communist Party activities in the South.

In furtherance of the committee's directive to gather information concerning the extent, character, and objects of un-American propaganda and its dissemination within the United States, testimony was obtained concerning propaganda of both a foreign and domestic origin.

Mr. Irving Fishman, Deputy Collector of Customs, New York City, testified that residents of the South, like those of other parts of the United States, were being deluged with Communist propaganda from abroad which is sent through the mails and directed primarily to schools and colleges.

Dissemination of Communist propaganda of domestic origin was illustrated in the committee's production, during the hearings, of a publication called the Southern Newsletter, which has a Post Office box address in a Southern city but is actually published in Chicago. Its editor, Mr. Eugene Feldman, invoked the fifth amendment to avoid answering any questions concerning his Communist Party activities.

Carl Braden, field organizer for the Southern Conference Educational Fund, which is active in the integration movement, also appeared as a witness in these hearings. Mr. Braden, who has been identified under oath as a Communist Party member, refused, on the basis of the first amendment, to give the committee any information concerning his role in Communist Party activities in the South.

Frank Wilkinson was also called as a witness when he appeared in Atlanta as a representative of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. This is an organization with headquarters in New York, which has as its avowed purpose the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the curbing of FBI activities. Mr. Wilkinson refused to answer when asked if he was sent to Atlanta to disrupt the committee hearings. In reply to all questions asked him, he replied: "I am answering no questions of this committee."

One of the most illuminating aspects of the hearings in Atlanta was the testimony of a Hungarian refugee who, from 1945 to 1956, was a prisoner of the Soviet Union. Due to the fact that the witness has relatives now behind the Iron Curtain, his true identity could not be revealed. However, his account of the tortures and indignities suffered by himself and his father at the hands of his Communist captors portrays a vivid and horrifying picture of communism in action.

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION AND ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTH

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1958

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,
Atlanta, Ga.

PUBLIC HEARING

A subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities met, pursuant to call, at 10:07 a. m., in the Courtroom, Old Post Office Building, Atlanta, Ga., Honorable Francis E. Walter (the chairman) presiding.

Committee members present: Representatives Francis E. Walter, of Pennsylvania; Edwin E. Willis, of Louisiana; William M. Tuck, of Virginia; and Donald L. Jackson, of California.

Staff members present: Richard Arens, staff director, and George Williams and Frank Bonora, investigators.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will be in order.

Let there be incorporated in the body of the record the Resolution of the Committee on Un-American Activities authorizing and directing the holding of the instant hearings here in Atlanta.

(The information follows:)

BE IT RESOLVED, that a hearing by the Committee, or a subcommittee thereof, to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, or at such other place or places as the Chairman may designate, on such date or dates as the Chairman may designate, be authorized and approved, including the conduct of investigations deemed reasonably necessary by the staff in preparation therefor, relating to the following subjects and having the legislative purposes indicated:

1. The extent, character and objects of Communist colonization and infiltration in the textile and other basic industries located in the South, and Communist Party propaganda activities in the South, the legislative purpose being:

(a) To obtain additional information for use by the Committee in its consideration of Section 16 of H. R. 9352, relating to the proposed amendment of Section 4 of the Communist Control Act of 1954, prescribing a penalty for knowingly and wilfully becoming or remaining a member of the Communist Party with knowledge of the purposes or objectives thereof; and

(b) To obtain additional information, adding to the Committee's overall knowledge on the subject so that Congress may be kept informed and thus prepared to enact remedial legislation in the National Defense, and for internal security, when and if the exigencies of the situation require it.

2. Entry and dissemination within the United States of foreign Communist Party propaganda, the legislative purpose being to determine the necessity for, and advisability of, amendments to the Foreign Agents Registration Act designed more effectively to counteract the Communist schemes and devices now used in avoiding the prohibitions of the Act.

3. Any other matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee which it, or any subcommittee thereof, appointed to conduct this hearing, may designate.

The CHAIRMAN. Let there likewise be incorporated in the body of the record the order of appointment by myself of the subcommittee to conduct the hearings.

(The information follows:)

June 24, 1958.

To: Mr. Richard Arens

Staff Director

House Committee on Un-American Activities

Pursuant to the provisions of law and the rules of this Committee, I hereby appoint a subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities, consisting of Representative Edwin E. Willis, as Chairman, and Representatives William M. Tuck and Donald L. Jackson, as associate members, to conduct hearings in Atlanta, Georgia, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 29, 30, and 31, 1958, at 10:00 A. M., on subjects under investigation by the Committee, and take such testimony on said days or succeeding days, as it may deem necessary.

Please make this action a matter of Committee record.

If any Member indicates his inability to serve, please notify me.

Given under my hand this 24th day of June, 1958.

Francis E. Walter, Chairman,
Committee on Un-American Activities.

Representative Francis E. Walter, chairman of the full committee, presided over the hearing and made the following statement:

The hearings which begin today in Atlanta are in furtherance of the powers and duties of the Committee on Un-American Activities, pursuant to Public Law 601 of the 79th Congress, which not only establishes the basic jurisdiction of the committee but also mandates this committee, along with other standing committees of the Congress, to exercise continuous watchfulness of the execution of any laws the subject matter of which is within the jurisdiction of the committee.

In response to this power and duty, the Committee on Un-American Activities is continuously in the process of accumulating factual information respecting Communists, the Communist Party, and Communist activities which will enable the committee and the Congress to appraise the administration and operation of the Smith Act, the Internal Security Act of 1950, the Communist Control Act of 1954, and numerous provisions of the Criminal Code relating to espionage, sabotage, and subversion. In addition, the committee has before it numerous proposals to strengthen our legislative weapons designed to protect the internal security of this Nation.

In the course of the last few years, as a result of hearings and investigations, this committee has made over 80 separate recommendations for legislative action. Legislation has been passed by the Congress embracing 35 of the committee recommendations and 26 separate proposals are currently pending in the Congress on subjects covered by other committee recommendations. Moreover, in the course of the last few years numerous recommendations made by the committee for administrative action have been adopted by the executive agencies of the Government.

The hearings in Atlanta are in furtherance of a project of this committee on current techniques of the Communist conspiracy in this Nation. Today, the Communist Party, though reduced in size as a formal entity, is a greater menace than ever before. It has long since divested itself of unreliable elements. Those who remain are the hard-core, disciplined agents of the Kremlin on American soil. Most

of the Communist Party operation in the United States today consists of underground, behind-the-scenes manipulations. The operation is focused at nerve centers of the Nation and masquerades behind a facade of humanitarianism.

We know that the strategy and tactics of the Communist Party are constantly changing for the purpose of avoiding detection and in an attempt to beguile the American people and the Government respecting the true nature of the conspiracy. As we on the Committee on Un-American Activities seek to develop factual information on these changing strategies and tactics for our legislative purposes, we are constantly met with numerous and unfounded charges respecting the nature of our work and our objectives. Such charges will not dissuade us from our duty. We seek the facts and only the facts. Insofar as it is within the power of this committee, as a part of the United States Congress, we shall obtain the facts and we shall do so within the framework of carefully prescribed procedures of justice and fair play.

I have long felt that the effectiveness of this committee appears to be in direct ratio to the volume of attack against it which is waged by the Communist Party and those under Communist discipline. Accordingly, I was interested to take note some several months ago of the intensified activity against the Committee on Un-American Activities and the Federal Bureau of Investigation which is now being promoted by the Communist Party. This campaign was the subject of a special booklet which the committee issued entitled "Operation Abolition." I was somewhat gratified to receive a letter from Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F. B. I. in regard to this booklet, part of which letter reads as follows:

This booklet depicts another example of the apparent ease with which the Communists have been able to enlist the support of misguided individuals to assist them in obscuring their subversive workings. Certainly the real meaning of civil liberties is not understood by these Communist apologists.

Your Committee's role in safeguarding our freedoms is well known to every patriotic citizen, and real Americans are not going to be fooled or misled by efforts to discredit your vital task.

Preliminary investigations by the staff of this committee indicate that the principal Communist Party activities in the South are directed and manipulated by agents who are headquartered in Communist nests in concentration points in the metropolitan areas of the North.

May I emphasize that the purpose of the committee here in Atlanta is to develop facts with reference to a pattern of operation and not to attempt to exhaust the subject matter. We have not subpoenaed witnesses for these hearings merely for the sake of exposure or to put on a show. We are engaged in the serious business of tracing the operations in the United States of a world-wide conspiracy which is determined to destroy us. Should we attempt to interrogate in these hearings even a significant percentage of all possible witnesses on whom we have lead information regarding Communist activity in the South, we would be here for many months to the neglect of our work elsewhere.

It is a standing rule of this committee that any person identified as a member of the Communist Party during the course of the committee hearings will be given an early opportunity to appear before this committee, if he desires, for the purpose of denying or explaining

any testimony adversely affecting him. It is also the policy of the committee to accord any witness the privilege of being represented by counsel; but within the provisions of the rules of this committee, counsel's sole and exclusive prerogative is to advise his client.

I would remind those present that a disturbance of any kind or an audible comment during the hearings will not be permitted. This is a serious proceeding in which we are earnestly trying to discharge an important and arduous duty with the general objective of maintaining the security of this great Nation.

The committee is encouraged at the outset of this work by the presence of the distinguished Governor of this great State, for whom many of us have long had a feeling of great admiration.

We are very happy that you have come here this morning, Governor.

STATEMENT OF HON. MARVIN GRIFFIN, GOVERNOR, STATE OF GEORGIA

Governor GRIFFIN. Chairman Walter, other distinguished members of the Congressional Subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities:

We know that the Communist conspiracy in our country has gone underground during recent years; that there is no such thing now in America as a card-carrying Communist. The ever-changing strategy of these subversives, who would exchange the great American system of States Rights and local self-government for totalitarian dictatorship, makes the patriotic and important task to which you have been assigned more difficult.

In extending to you a most gracious welcome to Georgia, we also assure you that those of us who believe in the principles of freedom laid down by the founding fathers, and that includes a vast majority of the good people of Georgia, support you most vigorously and pray most fervently for your success in this most important undertaking.

If you will pardon a personal reference, Mrs. Griffin and I have a young ensign with the 6th Fleet at Beirut at this time and we, along with millions of other Americans, believe that this is the time for all good Americans to come to the aid of this great Nation.

And speaking personally for myself, sirs, I have no respect for strays.

If the resources of the State government can be of help to you, please feel free to call on us on capitol hill. And I pray and hope that your undertaking bears fruit and that you are successful.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much, Governor.

Mr. ARENS, will you call your first witness?

Mr. ARENS. Armando Penha, kindly come forward and remain standing while the chairman administers an oath.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Penha, will you raise your right hand, please? Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. PENHA. I do.

The CHAIRMAN. Have a chair, Mr. Penha.

TESTIMONY OF ARMANDO PENHA

Mr. ARENS. Kindly identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Mr. PENHA. My name is Armando Penha. I live at 22 Dover Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts. My occupation is an investigator of veterans' services for the City of New Bedford in the State of Massachusetts.

Mr. ARENS. At the outset, Mr. Penha, may I ask you if you have ever been a member of the Communist Party and, if so, over what period of time?

Mr. PENHA. I have been a member of the Communist Party from the very beginning of 1950 to March of '58.

Mr. ARENS. Is it a fact, Mr. Penha, that during this period of time from 1950 until March of this year, you have served in the Communist Party at the behest of the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

Mr. PENHA. That is correct, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Have you ever been ideologically in sympathy with the Communist Party?

Mr. PENHA. Absolutely not, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Your sole and exclusive function in the Communist Party was to serve your country at the behest of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is that correct?

Mr. PENHA. That is absolutely correct, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Would you tell us, first of all, please, sir, just the highlights of the positions which you have occupied in the Communist Party.

Mr. PENHA. Among other positions, I have been a member of the Section Committee for the New Bedford area; section organizer for New Bedford; chairman of Bristol County, comprising the cities of Taunton, Fall River, and New Bedford; member of the New England District Committee, which is the leading body that controls the Communist apparatus in the entire New England area; and a member of the National Textile Commission with headquarters in New York City.

Mr. ARENS. Tell us, first of all, what is the National Textile Commission of the Communist Party.

Mr. PENHA. The National Textile Commission is the leading body, nationally, that is set up for the purposes of controlling, coordinating, and supervising the infiltration and colonization within the textile industry, particularly within the South.

Mr. ARENS. Over what period of time did you serve on the National Textile Commission of the Communist Party?

Mr. PENHA. Approximately May or June of 1955, and then on, sir.

Mr. ARENS. I expect to pursue this particular subject matter with you in considerable detail in a few moments. Just from the standpoint of giving the committee and this record your appraisal of the over-all operation of the Communist Party, Mr. Penha, on the basis of your extensive background and experience, please tell this committee how serious is the Communist operation in the United States right now.

Mr. PENHA. Based upon my experiences, it is rather unfortunate for me to report—but fortunate in order to alert the people of the United States—that the Communist Party in this country is by and large a greater menace today than it has ever been in the past.

Mr. ARENS. Would you kindly explain why you have reached that conclusion after your 8 years in the Communist Party as an undercover agent of the FBI.

Mr. PENHA. Well, sir, shortly after I entered the Communist Party, the Communist Party reevaluated its entire policy; and, in order to carry out its aims, it realized that the most important thing for it to do was to go completely underground, with only a small group that would exist in the upper level for propaganda purposes.

In connection with this, the party, by going underground, has been a party of hard-core, zealous, dedicated Communists, who have been trained for the ultimate purpose of the overthrow of this Government. Its techniques have adopted both legal and illegal methods of operations, both open and concealed methods, and above all, at all times, to go in accordance with the wishes of the Kremlin.

Mr. ARENS. Is the Communist Party a political party?

Mr. PENHA. It is not and never has been a political party, sir.

Mr. ARENS. What is it?

Mr. PENHA. The Communist Party, which is known as such, is a conspiracy dedicated to the overthrow of the United States.

Mr. ARENS. According to press reports, which we have seen from time to time in the Communist press, the actual size of the entity known as the Communist Party has been reduced, Mr. Penha. Does this mean, in your judgment, that the effectiveness or strength or menace of the Communist Party has been proportionately reduced?

Mr. PENHA. Absolutely not, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Why?

Mr. PENHA. The reason for that is very basic. The party is not interested in numbers. It is interested in quality. In fact, as a result of the comrades that either have resigned or have been expelled or have been detected by the party, they, as a result of that, have strengthened themselves in removing these weak links. The party consists of a hard-core well-organized, efficient group of Communists.

Mr. ARENS. Who were the members of the National Textile Commission during your period of service up until March of this year?

Mr. PENHA. The members of the National Textile Commission, with headquarters in New York City, their coordinator and contact man for the National Committee of the Communist Party in New York City was a Fred—I may at this point raise the point that I will make reference to 2 names. This was because of the fact that the National Textile Commission was strictly a secret organization. As such, even its members had code names; they were not supposed to know one another. The code name of their chairman of the National Textile Commission and coordinator was Fred; his true name, Robert Handman of New York City.

The CHAIRMAN. How do you spell that?

Mr. PENHA. H-a-n-d-m-a-n.

The other member, code name, Bill; true name, William Evans, who was also a section organizer for the Communist Party in Durham, North Carolina. He represented the State of North Carolina within the National Textile Commission.

The other person, code name Jack; true name, George Sheldrick.

Mr. ARENS. Kindly spell that name, please, sir.

Mr. PENHA. S-h-e-l-d-r-i-c-k. George represented the State of New Jersey.

The last person, code name, Tom; true name, Armando Penha.

There were some other Communist Party members that attended the National Textile Commission meetings, at one time or another, that were not members of it, but were highly placed Communists that were instructed either by the National Committee or the New England leadership. If you would like, I could raise those points next.

Mr. ARENS. I want to get into that in just a moment. I would like to ask you, first: On the National Textile Commission, what were their techniques of operation?

Mr. PENHA. Their techniques of operations were that of establishing, which they did, a group of colonizers, Northern colonizers, to be sent to the South.

Mr. ARENS. If you will hesitate a moment, please, Mr. Penha, tell us what is a colonizer in Communist jargon?

Mr. PENHA. A colonizer is one that is directed by the Communist Party to teach and spread propaganda in order to cultivate the mass workers within a plant or industry or legitimate organization. He must use, in his tactics, methods of spreading confusion, agitation. Such attacks are to be made both legally and illegally. He has to be able to cope with existing situations—one moment being on the offensive and the other on the defensive—participating in open activities of mass agitation and propaganda while, at the same time, being capable of undertaking concealed activities which will obstruct and undermine public confidence in our foreign policy.

However, the clear-cut danger of a colonizer is that he is a part of a vast network of secret party members, of potential saboteurs and espionage agents. The placement of these colonizers in key and basic industries is vital to the party from the standpoint of placing such colonizers in the position of promoting strikes, slowdowns, and so forth. In such concealed positions a colonizer, in the event of an emergency, becomes very effective to commit sabotage.

Mr. ARENS. May I ask at this point a general question? Why would the Communist Party have designs on the South from the standpoint of attempted colonization?

Mr. PENHA. Sir, before I answer that question, if I may be permitted to, I would like to stress 2 points here from this book "New Opportunities in the Fight for Peace and Democracy—Main Report Delivered at the National Conference of the Communist Party, U. S. A."

Mr. ARENS. By whom?

Mr. PENHA. Supposedly written by Andrew Stevens. However, this is another party technique in order to conceal the true identity of the Communist that wrote it. This was a party document, so-called main report, delivered at the national conference of the Communist Party, U. S. A.—a national conference which was secret, and no one knew where it was taking place, when, who were the members, who were the speakers.

Mr. ARENS. Did you attend that conference?

Mr. PENHA. I did not, sir. This was too top secret a meeting for even myself to attend. However, in reference to colonization, this is

the National Committee's instructions outlined at its conference. And I quote:

The prime objective of every shop club must be to influence the mass of non-Party workers in a given department, shift, or building and not to be a faction-type of mechanism for high-level dealings with union leadership. This means that the role of every shop club must be clearly established in relation to the mass of workers among whom it operates, but this requires the Party leadership to be as familiar with the problems and relations of forces in a given department, shift, or building as it is with the state of affairs in a local union executive board. Of course, we cannot be satisfied with the organization of the shop workers already in the Party into shop clubs based on the existing places of employment. Our main aim is to route our Party organization in the shops in basic industry so as to conform to our concentration policy. A concentration policy which is based on the mass-production industries and the Right-led unions but which does not have the instrumentality of Party organization in those industries and their key shops is a highly abstract concentration policy. To put flesh and bone on our concentration policy we must undertake to shift the base of our Party membership into key shops and industry.

That, in Communist language, means relocation of hard-core members to be sent into given areas as colonizers.

Mr. ARENS. And why would the Communist Party covet the South in this colonization program?

Mr. PENHA. The South, as far as the party is concerned, is a virgin territory. Insofar as that the party sees the potentials that exist here, the potentials are those that the party will exploit for their own gains. They will agitate and use every means within their command to raise political and economic issues of the Negro people in order to create mass agitation and foment discord at the same time.

Mr. ARENS. Do the activities of the Communist Party in colonization in the South parallel the program of industrialization of the South and the moving to the South of the textile industry?

Mr. PENHA. Would you repeat that question, sir?

Mr. ARENS. Does the effort of the Communist Party to colonize in the South run parallel with the movement of the textile industry from the North into the South?

Mr. PENHA. It absolutely does, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Now kindly tell us in your own words, Mr. Penha, just what you did specifically during your period of service on the National Textile Commission of the Communist Party toward furthering the aims and objectives of the Communist program to colonize in the South.

Mr. PENHA. There were several things, sir. I will start, first, with after, I believe, the third meeting held in New York City. I was delegated by the National Textile Commission—

Mr. ARENS. Excuse me. What year was this, please, sir?

Mr. PENHA. This was about August of 1955, when I was instructed to meet with the party leadership in the South; namely, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. The reason for this was for the party—and that is nationally, because this was in accordance and supervised by the National Committee of the Communist Party, New York City—to evaluate the Southern problem that exists within the party, its weaknesses and so forth, in order to establish the need and the placing of colonizers in the given areas of the South.

Mr. ARENS. Excuse me. Just proceed at your own pace to tell what you did.

Mr. PENHA. Before I get into that, sir, I would also like to point out that I was instructed to attend party meetings in the South, meet with party leaders in the South, in order to raise organizational problems in an attempt to solve them and, at the same time, to place down in the given areas of the South the organizational aims, party policy and lines, that they were to undertake. In other words, they were to do just what the National Textile Commission and the National Committee would direct.

Mr. ARENS. And these directives were given to you in 1955?

Mr. PENHA. That is correct, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Kindly tell us what you did pursuant to those directives.

Mr. PENHA. I received my instructions from the district organizer for New England.

Mr. ARENS. And his name again, please sir?

Mr. PENHA. His name is Sidney Lipshires.

Mr. ARENS. Spell the last name, please, sir.

Mr. PENHA. L-i-p-s-h-i-r-e-s. He had just recently arrived from New York, and he had received instructions as to the date, the place, and the time that I would leave, along with that information as to how I should conduct myself and what was to be achieved in the South. Subsequently, in September of 1955, I came down South.

Mr. ARENS. Tell us first of all where you went through the South, and then we will take it, bit by bit, as to what transpired. Where did you go?

Mr. PENHA. Well, sir, I went mainly, covering practically the entire State of North Carolina. I was not able at that time to get into Virginia.

Mr. ARENS. Did you meet with people from other Southern States even though you physically were not present in those States?

Mr. PENHA. I met with people that were from other States that were assigned in the South as colonizers or leaders at that time.

Mr. ARENS. Before we proceed with the details of your trip, tell us whether or not you came to the South as an open and avowed Communist or whether, on the other hand, you were in the underground.

Mr. PENHA. When I came to the South, there was only one person in the South that was aware of my trip. Just prior to this person being told, there was also another Southern leader, who at the time was in New York City, that was told; and subsequently he went into Carolina. However, the procedure, as far as coming into the South, was that of complete secrecy. I did not at any time, as I was instructed, reveal my true name, my place of origin, or anything that would reveal even to the comrades in the South who I was.

Mr. ARENS. Now, sir, who was this person in the South who knew that you were coming and knew you were coming as an undercover, or a secret, member of the Communist Party?

Mr. PENHA. This person who knew was another member of the National Textile Commission, Bill Evans.

Mr. ARENS. Can you tell us whether or not you were given a schedule of appearances, meeting places, lists of people to see, and the like?

Mr. PENHA. Well, sir, when I arrived in North Carolina, my first task was to sit down with Bill Evans and get a report from him as

to what he had arranged for the following week. At that time, he indicated to me what he had prepared insofar as party meetings went: where they would take place, his consensus of opinion of the problems that exist there, the weakness, and how I could help. The names of the people, that is, the Communist Party members, that I was to meet were not revealed to me because of the fact that the majority of them were colonizers, others were section organizers, section committee leaders within that area.

Mr. ARENS. Bill Evans you knew as a comrade, did you not?

Mr. PENHA. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. In passing, give us just a word of his location and activities.

Mr. PENHA. Well, he was a section organizer for Durham, North Carolina, sir.

Mr. ARENS. How did you know the names of the people in the South whom you were to contact, specifically, how did you know that?

Mr. PENHA. Well, sir, I did not know. Another leading Communist who was in New York came down to Carolina to contact the party, and one of his immediate tasks was that of seeing that the proper agenda was arranged for me to be able to see the various groups of colonizers, section leaders, and so forth.

Mr. ARENS. And who was he?

Mr. PENHA. Junius Scales.

Mr. ARENS. Give us just a word of description of Junius Scales, and his present status, by the way, please, sir.

Mr. PENHA. Junius Scales was, at the time, the district organizer for Carolina. He was out on bail at the time, living in New York City, but instructed, from time to time, by both the National Committee and the National Textile Commission to come into the South—mainly Virginia, South Carolina, and North Carolina—in order to carry the party line across. He did not come on an open basis, that is security was taken care of at all times so that no one would know where he was going and when and so forth.

Mr. ARENS. Prior to the time that you started on your trip to the South, did you have contact with the Southern organizer for the Communist Party?

Mr. PENHA. If I recall correctly, sir, I did not have direct contact with the Southern regional organizer prior to going; but, as I was told, the district organizer for New England was the one that had direct contact in order to be able to know the situation that existed there and what could be done there. However, when I returned back, I did meet at least twice with the Southern regional organizer, which means the leading Communist for the entire South in the Communist Party.

Mr. ARENS. And who is that person?

Mr. PENHA. That person is Fanny Licht from New York City.

Mr. ARENS. Spell the last name, please.

Mr. PENHA. Her last name I believe is L-i-c-h-t.

Mr. ARENS. It isn't L-i-c-h-t?

Mr. PENHA. It possibly could be, sir. I don't know.

Mr. ARENS. And Fanny Licht's residence is in New York City, is that correct?

Mr. PENHA. That is correct, sir. I met her at her home. Also I met her at other places in New York. But I was able to meet her at her home in New York City.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I think it would be appropriate to announce at this time that Fanny Licht was placed under subpoena pursuant to your direction, but because of medical reasons, her subpoena was continued and her appearance under the subpoena was postponed.

Now, Mr. Penha, would you kindly at your own pace, tell us about your trip. You have given us the detail of the background and the arrangements that were made. Tell us, if you please, sir, just where you went and what you did.

Mr. PENHA. Well, sir, just before getting into that, I would like to request that, at a later time, I would indulge more into Fanny Licht.

Mr. ARENS. Yes; and her activities.

Mr. PENHA. Because I think it is highly pertinent that I should do so.

Mr. ARENS. I anticipate that we will be questioning you along those lines. We would like, in the order of presentation of your testimony, if you please, Mr. Penha, to have you now tell us about this trip, where you went, whom you saw, and what you did.

Mr. PENHA. Thank you sir. In Durham, North Carolina, I met, of course, with Bill Evans; William Robertson, a colonizer originally from the State of Virginia; Mary Robertson, his wife, a member of the Section Committee for Durham. At the time, she was employed at Duke University. Prior to that she was a colonizer. Her last known whereabouts, to my knowledge, is Chicago.

The CHAIRMAN. May I ask a question at this point?

This National Textile Commission, were any of the members of this Commission textile workers, or were they just Communists assigned to a particular field?

Mr. PENHA. Well, sir, there were 2 that were textile workers, if you want to call it that, that is, in the broad general sense. Bill Evans and George Sheldrick were working in textile plants; however, as colonizers for the Communist Party. In other words, they were not genuine textile workers.

The CHAIRMAN. That is what I wanted to determine.

Mr. PENHA. Jerome Van Camp—

Mr. WILLIS. You are still talking about Durham?

Mr. PENHA. This is Durham, sir—a former colonizer. When I make reference to “former,” that is because of the fact that either they had been laid off or, in some cases, they were dropped from their place of employment because of the appearance of the House Committee just prior to my trip going down—for which all America should be very thankful.

Mr. ARENS. You are speaking of this committee’s hearings in Charlotte, North Carolina, about 2 years ago, is that correct?

Mr. PENHA. That is correct, sir. Oscar Berland—

Mr. ARENS. Excuse me just a moment. Before you get to Mr. Berland, can you tell us a little more about Jerome Van Camp?

Mr. PENHA. Jerome Van Camp, as I stated, was a former colonizer. He was under the wing and protection of Bill Evans for the purposes of further cultivation.

Oscar Berland—

Mr. ARENS. You might spell that, please, sir.

Mr. PENHA. B-e-r-l-a-n-d, a colonizer originally sent down by the National Committee from New York. He is a native of New York.

Madge Spurny, a colonizer, originally I believe from New Jersey. The reason I say "I believe" is because a cousin of hers who was also a colonizer, Geoffrey White, had told me that they were cousins.

Mr. ARENS. Is Madge Spurny named also Madge Spurny Cole? That is her married name?

Mr. PENHA. Her present name is Madge Spurny Cole.

Mr. ARENS. C-o-l-e?

Mr. PENHA. That is correct, sir. She was a section member for Durham at the time.

Nat Bond, alias Joe, member of the Section Committee for Durham.

Ella Levine Matthews, a colonizer from New York, who had been sent down to the South during the week I was there. She is a daughter of Ben Levine who was a well-known Communist and writer for the Daily Worker.

William Matthews, another colonizer sent from New York, her husband.

The next group is Winston-Salem.

Mr. ARENS. Excuse me, before you move to Winston-Salem in your chronology of your trip, Mr. Penha, what did you do at Durham in your session or sessions with these people whom you have identified as Communist colonizers?

Mr. PENHA. There were many things that I did, sir. We attended meetings, several of them. The purpose of these meetings was for me to make an appraisal for the need of colonizers within the South, to analyze the existing weaknesses that existed organizationally, and make recommendations—of course, from the party, when you make recommendations it is an order—for better and more efficient organization; attempt to work out a plan with them for relocation of other colonizers already in the South; coordinate the organizational policy of the party and its line between the South and North, so that the North would have its control of the situation in that area.

Mr. ARENS. Where were these meetings held in Durham?

Mr. PENHA. These meetings were held with a maximum security. Some were held in homes, trusted homes. The meetings that were held in the homes, at all times all security precautionary measures were taken. Other meetings were held in automobiles; and in addition to that, we also had meetings which were held within Duke University and its campus. The reason for all of these given areas and others was because of security.

Mr. ARENS. Tell us about the meeting at Duke University.

Mr. PENHA. The meeting that was held at Duke University—I believe there were 2. One was held within the chapel of Duke University for security reasons. It is obvious that it would be one of the best places.

Mr. ARENS. Who made the arrangement for the group to convene in the chapel at Duke University?

Mr. PENHA. These arrangements were made by Bill Evans and presented to me for my approval at the time.

Mr. ARENS. How many assembled in the session which was held at Duke University chapel?

Mr. PENHA. I would say that the greatest number was 3 to 4.

Mr. ARENS. Under what pretense was the chapel made available to the group for its session?

Mr. PENHA. The party took advantage of the chapel being available to the public, as it is supposedly, for the purposes that we were going there to pray and see the chapel itself.

Mr. ARENS. I have never been to Duke University, and I should like to inquire: Is this chapel a place of meditation or is it a place of public worship where there are general services with generally a large congregation?

Mr. PENHA. There is quite a large congregation, and it is also a place of meditation at the same time, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Where did the actual Communist Party conclave take place, within the larger edifice or within a smaller sanctuary?

Mr. PENHA. It took place within the largest because of the reason that it would be the most logical place. Of course, none of us carry anything with us that would be suspicious; and as such you can talk, and people will just think that you are part of a religious group, that is, within that building.

Mr. ARENS. Did Bill Evans make an overture to the administrative authorities at Duke University soliciting the chapel for use of the Communists or did the Communists under his leadership in this session just go to the chapel?

Mr. PENHA. The party just went there, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Have you concluded with your activities at Durham?

Mr. PENHA. I haven't concluded, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Go right ahead, please, sir. I would like to have you cover it to give the significant points.

Mr. PENHA. While I was in Durham, I was informed that Oscar Berland, who was the contact party member and coordinator for Junius Scales—the reason for this was that secrecy was at its highest peak and Junius Scales, being well known, we had to be absolutely sure of not only my safety, but of those other comrades, particularly colonizers, I would see.

Mr. ARENS. I am not sure the record is clear, Mr. Penha, if you will pardon the interruption. You say you were informed of Berland. Do you mean you met him there?

Mr. PENHA. I met Oscar Berland there, yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Was he identified to you as part of the underground apparatus of the Communist conspiracy in this country?

Mr. PENHA. That is absolutely true, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Tell us what transpired between you and Berland.

Mr. PENHA. One of the things was that I sent a message to Junius Scales at the time, through Oscar, in order to strengthen the party meetings both in quality, more so in that, and in reaching the local party officials in each given area so that I could place them on the spot. Subsequently, the following evening, Oscar Berland came back with an answer from Junius Scales promising full cooperation.

In addition to that, I had brought down with me a copy, a document, 18-page document, that we were preparing, the National Textile Commission; and Bill Evans had received one also. This document was to be used at the time in strengthening the general line that we had and obtaining as much information as will strengthen this document. Oscar Berland was the key person in this. I worked

with him. The only phase that he was not to touch was that which the National Commission itself would handle. The problems of the South was particularly the key point that I worked with him on at the time.

Mr. ARENS. Are there textile mills in or around the Durham area where you were in session?

Mr. PENHA. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Have you completed the highlights?

Mr. PENHA. There is the Erwin Mills in the Durham area, which they brought me there to see, so that I could better evaluate the size and location of the plant and the need for colonizers there.

Mr. ARENS. And at all times you were in the underground apparatus in this process?

Mr. PENHA. At all times they knew me as only Tom.

Mr. ARENS. I should like to ask this naive question on the record, so it is clear: The time is long since past that you can look in the telephone book and find the Communist Party's address in any given area, is that not true, Mr. Penha?

Mr. PENHA. That is absolutely true.

Mr. ARENS. The time has long since passed when the Communist Party, as an operating entity, is above ground, isn't that true?

Mr. PENHA. That is absolutely true, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Sir, have you completed the significant facts with reference to your visit to the Durham, North Carolina, area?

Mr. PENHA. The only point I want to raise about Durham is that while these meetings were taking place, I participated in them on the basis of criticizing the local leaders; making recommendations to strengthen the apparatus; and subsequently, as a result of this, making my own recommendations in New York City so that in my opinion I would have the leading person, Bill Evans, removed from leadership, which was done subsequently.

Mr. ARENS. And you were working under direct orders of the National Textile Commission itself, is that correct?

Mr. PENHA. That is correct, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Before we leave Durham in the chronology of your trip to go to the next place, have you told us the name of each person who was a participant in these secret sessions at Durham?

Mr. PENHA. All of these people that I have made reference to, starting with Bill Evans and concluding with William Matthews, participated in one or more meetings with me. I believe I attended some 5 to 6 meetings with each and every one at one time or another.

Mr. ARENS. Do you here and now testify that each of these persons, to your certain knowledge, was a member of the Communist apparatus?

Mr. PENHA. I absolutely do, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Now tell us the next place you went, please, sir, and give us the comparable facts relating to that place.

Mr. PENHA. Winston-Salem area. Warren Williams, section organizer for Winston-Salem, who at that time gave me the number of a secret mail box that the party was using in the Winston-Salem area so that I would be able to furnish from the North material that would help organizationally. Rebecca Williams, his wife; George Van Camp, a member of the Section Committee—member and formerly a colonizer; Betsy Van Camp, another member of the Section Committee, the

wife of George; Ruth Van Camp, today Ruth Evans. She has married William Evans. Karl Korstad—

Mr. ARENS. Is that K?

Mr. PENHA. K-o-r-s-t-a-d, a member of the Industrial Commission for the Communist Party in High Point, North Carolina; Frances Korstad, his wife, also a member of the same commission. Eugene Feldman, F-e-l-d-m-a-n, a member of the Industrial Commission, formerly a colonizer that was sent down to Alabama, later was sent into the Winston-Salem area; and he at the time was working a meat market in order to develop a background of occupations so that when he would be able to get into a plant, he would have something to back it up.

The CHAIRMAN. You say he was sent. By whom was he sent?

Mr. PENHA. He was sent by the national leadership of the Communist Party, sir. He was also very instrumental in his own synagogue, teaching Sunday school to the children, which is another party technique.

There was a Bill, last name I do not know, who was an Industrial Commission member and my driver at the time. I might add, insofar as these people are concerned, through security devices and measures I was able to know their true identity, not that they told me while I was down there. The same facts apply that they only knew me as Tom, and I only knew them as other names they gave.

Mr. ARENS. Did you learn anything of the general educational background of the colonizers whom the Communist Party selected to penetrate the South?

Mr. PENHA. I certainly did, sir. And I found, which was no surprise to me, because based on my experiences I was fully aware of this, that the average colonizer either holds a bachelor's, master's, or doctor's degree; and in the case of the South, this was absolutely correct.

Mr. ARENS. When they went into the South to work in the industrial establishments, the textile industry, did they, on the basis of your experience, reveal to their prospective employers that they had high educations?

Mr. PENHA. In my experience, they did not at any time do that because it would be obvious they would never get employment as such.

Mr. ARENS. What type of jobs did they take, just as a pattern?

Mr. PENHA. They would take menial jobs in order to go along with the instructions that were handed down by the party. They were willing to sacrifice years of formal education in order to serve the party's aims.

Mr. ARENS. Now I should like to ask you, before we get into the activities of Winston-Salem, Mr. Penha, to give us as much detail as you can on this public record with reference to certain of the people whom we have under subpoena and who will be heard by this committee during our stay here.

I ask you, first of all, to give us as much detail as you presently have with reference to Mr. Eugene Feldman, whom you have identified as a person known by you to be a Southern colonizer of the Communist Party.

Mr. PENHA. Well, sir, I would like to say this in regard to him and others, that when I went down South it was extremely difficult

for me to handle my activities—and I am talking about my intelligence activities—in order to report it to the FBI and, at the same time, to conduct myself as a leader while I was down there. This was so because of the fact that they were not known to me by their true identities. I had to utilize security devices and so forth. So that, to make a complete background on each and every individual, as I started with Eugene Feldman a while ago, actually I couldn't go any further at this time other than stating that he was a college man; he was a colonizer originally sent from a Midwestern state, and he was instrumental in a synagogue.

Mr. ARENS. You would recognize him if you should lay eyes upon him; is that correct?

Mr. PENHA. I would put it this way, sir: While I was down there within a matter of 8 days, I believe, traveling extensively throughout that area, I met with approximately 32 party members, all secret members. Many of them I met at night in cars and places of the like. It is very possible that I can identify many of them. It is also possible that I may not be able to identify others. Some I was 2 hours with, others I was 5 and 6.

Mr. ARENS. Tell us what you did in Winston-Salem.

Mr. PENHA. In Winston-Salem, I had several meetings with Warren Williams, because he was the top man in that area, being the section organizer, fully evaluating the necessity that existed in strengthening the weakness, organizational weakness, within that area; making places and preparations and getting as much information as possible, at the same time, of the existence of the Cone Mills, this was the Cone Mills in Greensboro, so that we could avail ourselves of transfers of party members from the various areas in North Carolina into that plant, too.

Along with that, there were other developments such as giving them a certain perspective in order to bring into light the fact that the North, including the National Textile Commission, the National Committee of the Communist Party, and the top leaders of the party in New England, of which I was one, were particularly interested in strengthening that key area. There were several proposals made. There were various discussions on the basic weaknesses. There was further implementation established at that time for coordination, both between the various groups within the South, the methods that should be further expanded on, and also between the North and the South.

Mr. ARENS. Did you, in addition to your work on this mission of the Communist Party on a textile penetration, give directives and consult with leaders of the operation in the South respecting penetration of nonindustrial groups, which we generally call Communist fronts?

Mr. PENHA. I gave as I recall a general approach to that matter. The reason for that was mainly that I had found there was much to be done on the level of infiltration and colonization. Therefore, I felt that I had to deal more extensively on that in those given areas.

Mr. ARENS. Tell us what, in Communist Party jargon, is meant by "infiltration."

Mr. PENHA. Well, sir, infiltration is the method whereby party members are instructed to penetrate organizations for the purpose of exercising influence of communism. To infiltrate a union organization or industry is but a first step. First and foremost, it must be

made to serve the party's interest. In labor organizations the party, once in control, will crush every opponent. The party's exploitation against our society can best be illustrated by their ability to stress the issues that are the important elements for a worker and thereby undermining politics.

In addition, in industry the ability of the party to play the role of mediator between industry versus union and vice versa, to create a wedge of ill feelings, is one of their specialties. However, to fulfill the party's aims, to achieve victory—force and violence being necessary for the party's victory—it follows that industrial sabotage and espionage are the key to the ultimate aim of the party's victory in industry.

The CHAIRMAN. I think we will have a recess to give the witness an opportunity to take a little rest. The committee will stand in recess for 5 minutes.

(A brief recess was taken.)

(Members present: Representatives Francis E. Walter, Edwin E. Willis, William M. Tuck.)

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will be in order.

(Committee members present: Representatives Walter, Willis, Tuck, and Jackson.)

The CHAIRMAN. Proceed, Mr. Arens.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Penha, would you kindly resume the witness chair?

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Penha, before you go on, just as a matter of curiosity, I would like to know how you got into the Communist Party originally.

Mr. PENHA. Well, sir, I will try to answer your question. However, as you know, there will be some important elements that I will have to leave out for security reasons. However, I first became acquainted with communism during World War II as a member of Military Intelligence. My activities encompassed particularly the country of Italy. In Trieste I was confronted with Yugoslav and Italian Communists. It was at that time that I became aware of the menace, that it was international in scope, and that I had to do something after the war to have at least some part in fighting communism.

Later on, after I was discharged from the service, I was in contact with the FBI; and after a thorough investigation of me, they accepted me within their ranks to infiltrate the Communist Party. I was very fortunate, through security devices, to be able to get in the Communist Party within two months. Subsequently after that my rise in the party was one that followed at a rapid pace.

The CHAIRMAN. How did you get into the party? That is the thing I am interested in and would like to know.

Mr. PENHA. Well, I should raise one general viewpoint on that, sir, to give you an illustration. At the time, in 1949 and early 1950, the Communist Party had a fifteen-minute radio broadcast which originated in the City of Fall River, Massachusetts. At the conclusion of this program the speaker—they had various speakers of the party, but mainly a Joseph Figueiredo, who subsequently brought me into the party—stressed at the end of the program that anyone that was interested, or would like to give comments or criticisms, was to write to the station or to him or to a post office box that had been set up for that purpose. I did, and subsequently he got in touch with

me, and it followed that he slowly attempted to indoctrinate me, cultivate me.

I believe this took a matter of some weeks because of the fact that he had known that I had lived in Portugal for a number of years, and he was strong in his belief of fighting the existing Premier at the time, who is still the Premier, Salazar, and he felt that my opinions coincided with his. That strengthened his belief that I could be possibly a good candidate for the party. After that it just continued to unfold.

Mr. JACKSON. He was wrong, wasn't he?

Mr. PENHA. Little did he know that.

The CHAIRMAN. All right, Mr. Arens.

Mr. ARENS. Now, would you kindly tell us the next place you went on your trip into the South at the behest of the National Textile Commission of the Communist Party?

Mr. WILLIS. May I ask one question at this point?

The CHAIRMAN. All right.

Mr. WILLIS. I suppose that you made regular reports to the FBI?

Mr. PENHA. Every contact that I made, whether it was in the South, New York, or in the North, I made reports on every single phase of activity, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Perhaps the committee would be interested to hear just a word, Mr. Penha, while we have diverted from the main theme, about your own personal life in the Communist Party. First of all, were you permitted to attend church services and be a regular communicant in the church of your choice?

Mr. PENHA. No, sir, I was not. The party, of course, as you gentlemen know, is basically an atheistic group. As such they do not want anyone to attend church or believe in any religion—other than a small group which think of infiltrating organizations within the church, not for the purposes of worship. As such, I had prepared in advance before contacting Joseph Figueiredo—that is, the preparation I made was divorcing myself from my own church so that, when I got in, I was completely out of contact with the church. During the entire eight years, I attended no more than eight services with the maximum security precautions taken at the time.

Mr. ARENS. Tell us a word, please, in this same vein, respecting the discipline which the Communist Party operations impose upon the comrades in their personal lives.

Mr. PENHA. Well, sir, their discipline is one that is again indicative of the fact that it is not a party. It is no party in this country, thank God; and I don't think we will ever have one that will maintain a discipline that the Communist Party does. For example, shortly after I was a member of the Communist Party, I had been in the insurance business during that time, and I was instructed, I was urged, and I was ordered to get out of my own profession and accept menial jobs. If I did not do that, I would not be able to advance in the party. This was a sacrifice of \$45 to \$50 a week for me and my family.

In addition to that, its discipline on the personal life of a Communist is revolved around many factors. One, your time is never your own. They can call you at will and tell you, you are leaving for New York within an hour; whether you are, at the time, working or not it does not

mean anything. At the same time they can come into your home at any time, as they did many times, and either have a meeting in your home or stay in your home for two or three days, and as such they insist on having complete access to your home.

In addition to that, from time to time, particularly when you advance in the party, the party does not trust each and every Communist, regardless of how high you get in the party—in fact, the higher you get the worse it is—so that they would go through my house, search anything and everything, just to be sure that I was a dedicated, zealous, hard-core member, which in turn I would do to other comrades.

Mr. ARENS. We have diverted from the theme of your trip. May I also ask you, Mr. Penha, what is a united front?

Mr. PENHA. The united front, sir, is one that the party has developed rather extensively in the promotion of agitation, propaganda, and being able to carry out the party line with legitimate organizations. The way the party goes at it, whether it is with labor unions or other legitimate organizations, they attempt to form a coalition of groups and, at that time, raise a given issue which is of primary interest either to the worker or to the community. The party, of course, during this procedure sees to it that it is able to penetrate key positions in order to carry out the party line.

Mr. ARENS. What is a front, as distinct from a united front operation? What is a Communist Party front?

Mr. PENHA. A Communist Party front, sir, is completely separate and distinct from a united front movement in the sense that a Communist front is either originated or developed by the party. It can also be a legitimate organization which the party has penetrated and gained control over. This front is to bring about various issues of the party, in particular, to undermine and harass our entire security system. One of its pet projects in the past has been to attempt to dissolve the Walter-McCarran Act.

Mr. ARENS. That is the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act, is that correct?

Mr. PENHA. That is correct, sir. The reason for that is because of the fact that this Act has been so effective in holding down the Communists in this country and, at the same time, has curtailed the import of Communists from abroad.

Mr. ARENS. May I interpose a question right there, Mr. Penha?

The Communist Party in its attack on the Walter-McCarran Act doesn't come out and say, "We, the Communist Party, we comrades, we Communists want this act destroyed." How do they do? What is their technique? What are the mechanics by which they undertake to bring pressure on the Congress or create sentiments against legislative enactment?

Mr. PENHA. Well, sir, they have been very effective in their methods and techniques. One of their methods is establishing a chain of letters, communications and petitions, to the Congressmen, which within relatively a short time, 72 hours, they are able to put as much as 150,000 protests in, addressed to the Congressmen, the President, protesting such laws.

Mr. ARENS. The individual signer of these petitions and the person who writes the letter does not know at the time he does it that he has done so at the solicitation of a comrade, does he?

Mr. PENHA. He has no knowledge, whatsoever. He is a dupe.

Mr. ARENS. To what extent does the Communist operation in the United States use non-Communists for the purpose of accomplishing their objectives?

Mr. PENHA. It is rather unfortunate to report, sir, that the use of non-Communists, sincere Americans, is extensively used throughout the country. A conservative estimate, based on my experiences, is that a Communist is able, capable, and has direct or indirect influence or control over such dedicated Americans, insofar as having these people take the role which the party could not, and in this connection I would say that this average is between 10 to 12 Americans per Communist.

Mr. ARENS. Now, Mr. Penha, may we resume the itinerary which we were pursuing here a little while ago on your instruction tour in the South, in which you were meeting with key comrades on behalf of the National Textile Commission of the Communist Party? I believe we had finished the general theme of your testimony on the Winston-Salem, North Carolina, vicinity.

Mr. PENHA. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Where did you go next, please, sir, and tell us what transpired there.

Mr. PENHA. Well, sir, I went to a small town in South Carolina, the name of which does not come to my mind at the time; and preparations had been made for me to meet key Communists in that area and colonizers around there; but because of the fact that there was a discrepancy at the time involving the agenda and the arrangements for my appearance there, we only met with one Communist that was present at the time.

Mr. ARENS. Who was he, please, sir?

Mr. PENHA. I do not know his true name. I believe the code name that was used, if I recall correctly, was Pete.

Mr. ARENS. I beg your pardon?

Mr. PENHA. Pete. P-e-t-e.

At that time, of course, the same techniques and methods were developed with him in line with coordinating South Carolina with North Carolina, and exercising my influence to see that the National Textile Commission and the party as a whole, through the National Committee, would develop a further and extensive means of developing, carrying out, and directing the party policy and line within the South.

Mr. ARENS. Now, sir, may I invite your attention to the general subject matter of persons who are members of the Communist Party but not actively identified with the National Textile Commission who did come to New York City, or who were in contact with New York City, for the purpose of obtaining directions and orders?

Mr. PENHA. There were several comrades, sir. There was one Emil Asher, the husband of Martha Stone, national committee-woman for the party, who came from New Jersey.

Mr. ARENS. Excuse me. He came from New Jersey for what purpose?

Mr. PENHA. The purpose of Emil coming into New York was to strengthen the Commission's work, organizationally speaking and nationally speaking, in order to further implement the party policy

in the South, and to further commit New Jersey in utilizing finances in the South, colonizers to be sent down and its experiences that had been gained in the North.

Edward Strong, recently deceased, a National Committee member at the time, also a member of the National Negro Commission for the Communist Party.

Mr. ARENS. From where, please, sir?

Mr. PENHA. He was at the time in New York. Ed Strong's position was to strengthen again the national level with the South, to the extent that I recall in one of the meetings Bill Evans was present and was somewhat critical of the national line of the party, insofar as they were being directed by the North and that the South didn't seem to have much say. Ed Strong at that time was very instrumental not only in placing Bill Evans as a representative of the South in line, but seeing to it that the South was going to conform with the party's policy and line directed by the National Committee in New York. He went further to see to it that Bill Evans would have to be removed from his positions, again indicative of the national party's strength and control over the South.

Sidney Lipshires, at the time being the acting district organizer for the entire New England area. His participation there was also on the basis of extending the experiences of the North, the sending of two colonizers from the North and aiding in finances and propaganda to be sent down to the South.

Mr. ARENS. Was Junius Scales on the National Textile Commission itself?

Mr. PENHA. I was just getting to his name, sir. Junius Scales attended two of the National Textile Commission meetings in New York City. Because he was not a member of this Commission, he had been invited to attend its meetings. As the National Textile Commission was formed solely for the purpose of directing the party's activities in the South, it followed, then, that its membership was selected on the basis of having majority representation from the North. Only one member from the South would have actual voice in its decisions; hence, party supervision, direction, and discipline could be properly maintained. As such, Junius Scales was not a member of the National Textile Commission, but rather a top Southern Communist observer.

Mr. ARENS. Scales was tried under the Smith Act, was he not?

Mr. PENHA. That is correct, sir. At the time he was out on bail.

Mr. ARENS. While he was out on bail did he, to your certain knowledge, do any penetrating of the South, from the standpoint of work of the Textile Commission?

Mr. PENHA. Well, that was one of his phases of activities, sir. He had been instructed, from time to time, both by the National Textile Commission and the National Committee to go into the South—at this time he was living in New York—for the purposes of coordinating the party's activities in the South, meeting with top party officials, and seeing to it that the party's instructions given by both the National Textile Commission and the National Committee in New York City were to be carried out in Carolina.

Mr. ARENS. Did he do so?

Mr. PENHA. Yes, he did, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Did he do so while he was out on bail?

Mr. PENHA. He was out on bail at the time, sir.

Mr. WILLIS. Was he found guilty? Was Scales convicted?

Mr. PENNA. He was convicted and he appealed, sir, to the Supreme Court.

Later on Junius Scales was instructed by the National Committee again to go to New England in order to carry out a program of propaganda as instructed by the National Committee. On the surface the public was informed that he was there to defend his position, having been indicted on the membership clause of the Smith Act. However, his main purpose was to get into public debates, which he did in Providence, Rhode Island; to harass and undermine our internal security system; to attack it in all forms and shapes; and to attempt to get public support and cooperation and action against our Government. He also was instructed to obtain finances, which were to come from both party sympathizers and American people at large, supposedly for his defense. Actually the party was in need of money, and this was one of the reasons why he was sent, and it was much easier to obtain it on the basis of his need for his defense.

Mr. ARENS. Are there any others who were working with the National Textile Commission to your certain knowledge but who were not officially on the National Textile Commission?

Mr. PENHA. Oscar Berland, from Durham. As a result of my trip down South, I attended an organizational meeting in the latter part of 1955 in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. This meeting was for the purpose of giving a report on my trip, recommendations for changes. Among these I recommended that Bill Evans be replaced. As a result, Oscar Berland was sent in to replace him to attend National Textile Commission meetings.

At that meeting, present were: Fanny Licht, Southern regional organizer; Ed Strong, National Committee member; Mike Russo, who had just come out from complete underground for a period of approximately 3 years that he had spent and, during that period, he had completely changed his physical appearance and identity in order to avoid possible arrest; Sidney Lipshires, who had been acting district organizer for New England while Mike was completely underground; and myself.

Aside from my report, there was another report given by Ed Strong and implemented by Fanny Licht, relative to the fact of colonization. They had come into the New England area for the purpose of interviewing two prospective colonizers, namely, Geoffrey White and his wife, Ann White, from Providence, Rhode Island. They had requested, at that time, my opinion relative to the person of Geoff White, his capabilities.

Mr. ARENS. Whom was Geoffrey White to contact in the South?

Mr. PENHA. If I may on this point allude just one second, and then I will answer that, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Proceed. Excuse me.

Mr. PENHA. In the person of Geoff White, who subsequently went to the South as a colonizer, I of course recommended him, and I think this is highly pertinent—it again shows the effectiveness of a colonizer—like many others I met in the South, he was a Harvard graduate, a disciplined, hard-core, and zealous Communist who had been in

Eastern Europe at one time and subsequently, on his return, was told to accept a menial job as a colonizer in Rhode Island to gain some experience.

While he was working in Rhode Island as a colonizer—and he became very effective, as all colonizers do, in a relatively short time—he became editor of the local trade union newspaper; and there the party line was thoroughly put across. He was also able to recruit at least two workers, to my knowledge, into the Communist Party. Not only was he able to recruit them, but he knew how to cultivate and indoctrinate them. One of them in relatively a short time became a potential colonizer. He was specifically trained for that purpose.

These are more or less typical of what we find in all areas of the country as far as colonizers, particularly in this given area of the South.

Now, Geoff White subsequently was instructed, shortly after this meeting, to go to New York City with Michael Russo and there they would be met by Ed Strong. A fourth person was to come up from Dalton, Georgia, to meet with Geoff White. This person, as I was told, was an editor of a newspaper in the South, which happens to be the Southerner. We had various copies submitted to us in the North to use. Don West, as it was reported to me, was also a minister, very effective in labor organizations and a party member. He was to come to New York City to meet Geoff White, participate in consultations in order to ascertain the value and the need for Geoff White to assist Don West in the South, both within the paper, the Southerner, and within labor organizations and industries. Subsequently, Geoff White was sent down to the South as a colonizer.

I may add, on the issue of colonizers, it was reported time and time again in New York City in the national meetings that I attended, that the party stressed very much the fact that colonization is part of the party's industrial concentration program, because it would aim at increasing Communist influence, both in industry and labor. As such, the party would see to it that any colonizer sent down to the South would have to be a tested, hard-core, zealous comrade; and even if he was known in the North as a Communist, that would not matter because the party would change his complete identity, physically and otherwise; provide him with completely new identification, another name, complete new background, and so forth. He would have extensive training prior to coming into the South.

Mr. ARENS. Now, would you kindly tell us about the activities in the South, to your certain knowledge, of the Southern organizer whom you identified as Fanny Licht.

Mr. PENHA. Fanny Licht at that time, in 1955, was the Southern regional organizer, the top Communist that controlled the South for the National Committee. She was a Northerner living in New York City at the time. Her task was to carry out the party line and policy in the South within the framework of the instructions received by the National Committee. In addition to that, she was also a contact for many Communists to the National Committee. I recall one time I went to New York City with Sidney Lipshires, and he had a vast amount of money collected in New England to be turned over to the National Committee. We went to the home of Fanny Licht, and it was turned over to her so that she would give it to the proper person within the National Committee.

Fanny Licht attended at least two meetings with me and she took no pains to stress the point that, aside from being a Southern regional organizer, she had full responsibility within the National Committee. She saw to it, from time to time, that those people that were in the party that did not want to adjust themselves to accept her were to be weeded out of party positions.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, this particular witness has in other executive sessions given considerable information to the committee on other areas and other items of interest in the jurisdiction of the committee. We have no further questions to ask this witness at this time respecting the particular operation which we have been pursuing thus far in this hearing.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you any questions?

Mr. WILLIS. No.

The CHAIRMAN. Governor Tuck?

Mr. TUCK. I have no questions.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Jackson?

Mr. JACKSON. I have no questions, Mr. Chairman. However, I feel the American people, the committee, and the Congress are indebted to Mr. Penha. Only one who has cut off all the normal ways and manners of life to enter the Communist Party can understand what a sacrifice it is; and to spend 8 years in the conspiracy on behalf of the Government constitutes a great service to America.

I want to congratulate the witness and express my appreciation and my thanks to him, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. PENHA. Thank you, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes, Mr. Penha, I, too, want to thank you. You rendered a great service to your country, perhaps as great as the service you rendered during wartime. It is appalling to me to see the apathy on all sides and particularly from people who are well informed. This is a very distasteful task this committee is performing, and I assure you not a member of it sought the position he occupies. But somebody has to do it, and I might say to those who would destroy the effectiveness of the committee by making attacks on the several members that when the committee as presently constituted changes, the same work will continue.

And it is only because of people such as you that we can devise the kind of legislative program that will help.

This last week we had some hearings regarding a matter that had been developed through hearings of this committee; and I am sure that when the proposals are enacted into law, it will go a great way toward undoing what was done through a decision of the Supreme Court.

Call the next witness, Mr. Arens.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Eugene Feldman, kindly come forward.

The CHAIRMAN. Will you raise your right hand, please?

Do you swear the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. FELDMAN. So help me God.

The CHAIRMAN. Sit down.

TESTIMONY OF EUGENE FELDMAN, ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSEL,
C. EWBANK TUCKER

Mr. ARENS. Kindly identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Mr. FELDMAN. My name is Eugene Feldman, I am of Chicago, Illinois, 6025 South Harper. I am a tutor by occupation.

Mr. ARENS. I beg your pardon?

Mr. FELDMAN. I am a tutor by occupation.

Mr. ARENS. You are appearing today, Mr. Feldman, in response to a subpoena which was served upon you by the House Committee on Un-American Activities?

Mr. FELDMAN. I beg your pardon, please?

Mr. ARENS. You are appearing today in response to a subpoena which was served upon you?

Mr. FELDMAN. I am, indeed.

Mr. ARENS. And you are represented by counsel?

Mr. FELDMAN. I am, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Counsel, kindly identify yourself.

Mr. TUCKER. C. Ewbank Tucker of the Kentucky Bar, and Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Feldman, where and when were you born?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer to that question on the grounds of the fifth amendment and the first amendment.

Mr. ARENS. Do you honestly apprehend, sir, that if you told this committee where and when you were born, you would be supplying information which might be used against you in a criminal proceeding?

Mr. FELDMAN. My answer is the same, sir. I decline to make answer on the grounds of the fifth amendment and the first.

Mr. ARENS. Now, Mr. Feldman, have you always been known under the name of Eugene Feldman?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth.

The CHAIRMAN. Before we go further, Mr. Feldman, you are directed to answer the question as to your place of birth.

Mr. FELDMAN. May I have the question, please, the original question?

Mr. ARENS. The question is, sir, where and when were you born?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth.

Mr. ARENS. How long have you lived at your present place of address?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer to that question on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth.

Mr. ARENS. How long have you lived in Chicago?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer to that question on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth amendment.

Mr. ARENS. Where did you live immediately prior to your present address?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer to that question and my reason is on the grounds of the first amendment to the Constitution and the fifth amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. I think I ought to explain to you that refusal to answer these questions, in the judgment of this committee, very clearly constitutes contempt. If you wish to answer the question, or any of the questions that have been asked you, you may do so.

Am I to assume that because of your silence you do not desire to answer any of the questions that have been asked you thus far?

Mr. FELDMAN. May I have your question to me, please, again?

The CHAIRMAN. I have warned you, gratuitously, perhaps, that your failure to answer these questions, in my judgment, constitutes contempt of Congress; and I am asking you, giving you the opportunity, to answer any of these questions in order that you not be placed in that position.

Mr. FELDMAN. Was that a statement, sir, or a question to me?

The CHAIRMAN. I am asking you if you care to answer any of the questions.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer to that on the basis of the first amendment and the fifth.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Feldman, are you a Southerner?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to answer that question, sir, on the basis of the first amendment to the Constitution and the fifth.

Mr. ARENS. Are you an editor of the Southern Newsletter?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer to that on the first amendment, which grants freedom of the press, and the fifth amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

The CHAIRMAN. Why do you think you are not required to answer the question because of the fifth amendment?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer to that, sir, based on the first amendment and the fifth.

The CHAIRMAN. I understand you to mean that your refusal to answer because of the fifth amendment protection is because if you answer the question as to whether or not you are connected with this paper, you might be subject to criminal prosecution; is that it?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. FELDMAN. I would like to answer that the fifth amendment explains that a witness need not answer because it might tend to incriminate. My answer is that, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. What is there criminal in that publication?

Show him the publication, Mr. Arens.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Feldman, I display to you now a series of publications of the Southern Newsletter, current ones, at least that we have, the May and June issues, and other back numbers of the Southern Newsletter; and I ask you while you are under oath to please tell this committee if it is not a fact that you are the editor and publisher of the Southern Newsletter.

Mr. FELDMAN. I refuse to make answer to that on the basis of the first amendment, which grants liberty of the press, and the fifth amendment, sir.

(Documents marked "Feldman Exhibit No. 1," and retained in committee files.)

The CHAIRMAN. Is there anything in those Newsletters concerning the release of these clergymen from Communist China?

Mr. ARENS. I have perused those Newsletters, Mr. Chairman, and I have not seen anything of that character in the Southern Newsletter.

Now, Mr. Feldman, I should like to display to you a photostatic reproduction of an application for a post office box at Louisville, Kentucky, for the Southern Newsletter, Eugene Feldman, editor, Perry Cartwright, I believe, business manager, and the reference is Dr. Oakley C. Johnson of New York City. This application was filed in March of 1957 and the post office—

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, what is the document?

Mr. WILLIS. An application.

Mr. ARENS. It is a photostatic copy, Mr. Jackson, of an application for a post office box in Louisville, Kentucky, a post office box for the Southern Newsletter.

The record will reflect that this particular witness has told us his residence is presently, and has been, in Chicago, Illinois. Kindly look at that application for the post office box and tell this committee, while you are under oath, whether or not that is a true and correct reproduction of an original application filed by yourself as editor and publisher of the Southern Newsletter for a post office box in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth.

(Document marked "Feldman Exhibit No. 2," and retained in committee files.)

Mr. ARENS. Have you lived in the South?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth amendment, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Have you worked in the South?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to answer on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Are you a Southerner?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to answer on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth, sir.

Mr. ARENS. I display to you now an original publication called the Militant—it is a publication in New York City—under date of March 31, 1958. In this article we see a description of a Chicago rally, the Washington Park Free Speech Forum, and in which it is stated, Eugene Feldman, editor, Southern Newsletter, is going to make a speech there on the subject, "A White Southerner Looks at Civil Rights for Negroes," and so forth. Kindly look at that announcement, which was presented in that Militant paper, and tell us whether or not you were the speaker and that was the subject and whether or not you permitted yourself to be characterized as a Southerner to make this speech in the North?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to answer on the grounds of the first amendment, granting freedom of speech, and the fifth amendment, sir.

(Document marked "Feldman Exhibit No. 3," and retained in committee files.)

Mr. ARENS. Does the Southern Newsletter have a postal permit to mail its publication?

Mr. FELDMAN. Is your question complete, sir?

Mr. ARENS. Yes, sir.

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to answer on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth, sir.

Mr. ARENS. I lay before you now an original envelope and copy of the Southern Newsletter addressed into Georgia here, to Decatur, Georgia—Southern Newsletter, Box 1307, Louisville 1, Kentucky. I don't have the exact date, but it is very recent.

Kindly look at that and tell us whether or not that was mailed by you, or under your direction, from Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to answer on—and the reason I decline is the declination is based on the first amendment, granting freedom of speech and press, and the fifth amendment, sir.

(Document marked "Feldman Exhibit No. 4," and retained in committee files.)

Mr. ARENS. Where are you employed?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer on the ground of the first amendment and fifth, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Do you honestly apprehend, sir, that if you told this committee truthfully where you are employed, you would be supplying information which might be used against you in a criminal proceeding?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer, sir, on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that the witness be ordered and directed to answer the last principal question because it is designed to test his good faith in invoking the fifth amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes, I think so. You are directed to answer the question, Mr. Feldman.

Mr. FELDMAN. My answer is the same, sir. I decline to make answer on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth.

Mr. ARENS. Now, sir, do you know a person by the name of Armando Penha?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Would you look over here to your left, please, sir, and see the gentleman seated here at the table and tell us whether or not you have ever seen him before and, if so, under what circumstances?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Penha swore just a few moments ago while he was testifying before this committee, in essence, that while he was an undercover agent of the FBI in the Communist Party, he knew you, sir, as a member of the Communist Party and as a colonizer in the South. We would like to give you an opportunity now, while you are under oath, to deny that identification of yourself. Do you care to avail yourself of that opportunity?

Mr. FELDMAN. I refuse to make answer and my refusal is based on the first amendment and the fifth, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know a person by the name of Perry Cartwright?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer to that question sir, and my refusal is based on the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States and the fifth, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Perry Cartwright is one of your associates in the publication of the Southern Newsletter, is he not?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know Carl and Anne Braden of Louisville, Kentucky?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer, sir, on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth.

Mr. ARENS. Are Carl and Anne Braden in Louisville, Kentucky, your colleagues in the work of the Southern Newsletter in that area of the South?

Mr. FELDMAN. Excuse me, sir. Would you permit me to have some water?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes, indeed.

Mr. FELDMAN. Would you ask that same question again, please?

Mr. ARENS. Yes. Are Carl and Anne Braden of Louisville, Kentucky, your associates or colleagues in the publication and work of the Southern Newsletter?

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth, sir.

Mr. ARENS. I have in my hand, and I shall now display to you, an exhibit, a letter which accompanied the latest edition of the Southern Newsletter, Post Office Box 1307, Louisville, Kentucky; Eugene Feldman, Editor; Perry Cartwright, Circulation; addressed to "Dear Reader," attacking the House Committee on Un-American Activities for its proposed trip here to the South and attacking this committee on a number of grounds for conducting this so-called witch hunt here in the South.

Kindly look at this letter and tell this committee while you are under oath, sir, whether or not you are the author of that letter.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. FELDMAN. I decline to make answer on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. What crime do you think you might be charged with for attacking this committee?

Mr. FELDMAN. In answer to your question, Representative Walter, I say I decline to make answer on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth, sir.

(Document marked "Feldman Exhibit No. 5," and retained in committee files.)

Mr. ARENS. I display to you now, if you please, sir, a copy of the National Guardian, a publication which has been cited as a publication under Communist control, dated July 9, 1956, in which there appears, under a Winston-Salem dateline, a letter announcing the formation and publication of a new publication called the Southern Newsletter. This letter in the National Guardian is authored, according to its format, by Eugene Feldman, Post Office Box 1364, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Kindly look at that exhibit as I display it to you, sir, and tell this committee while you are under oath whether or not you authored that letter.

Mr. FELDMAN. I refuse to make answer on the grounds of the first amendment, granting freedom of the press, and the fifth, sir.

(Document marked "Feldman Exhibit No. 6," and retained in committee files.)

Mr. ARENS. Is the Reverend Don West of Georgia affiliated with the Southern Newsletter as a contributor?

Mr. FELDMAN. I refuse to make answer on the grounds of the first amendment, granting freedom of the press and freedom of religion, and the fifth amendment, sir.

Mr. ARENS. I lay before you now a copy of the Southern Newsletter of April 1958, in which the name of Don West appears as one of the contributors, and call your attention to the article contributed by him and ask you whether or not, to your certain knowledge, he has a definite connection with the Southern Newsletter.

Mr. FELDMAN. I refuse to make answer on the grounds of the first amendment, granting freedom of the press and freedom of religion, and the fifth amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. Why is your freedom of religion affected because you are asked a question about somebody else?

Mr. FELDMAN. Representative Walter, I refuse to make answer to your question on the basis of the first amendment and the fifth.

The CHAIRMAN. All right.

(Document marked "Feldman Exhibit No. 7," and retained in committee files.)

Mr. ARENS. Tell us whether or not, to your certain knowledge, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Braden are connected with the Southern Newsletter.

Mr. FELDMAN. I refuse to make answer to that on the basis of the first amendment, granting freedom of the press, and the fifth amendment.

Mr. ARENS. To your certain knowledge are Anne and Carl Braden members of the Communist Party?

Mr. FELDMAN. In answer to your question, sir, I refuse to answer that on the basis of the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States and the fifth amendment.

Mr. ARENS. To your certain knowledge is Perry Cartwright a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. FELDMAN. I refuse to answer that on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth amendment.

Mr. ARENS. To your certain knowledge is Charles J. Coe a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. FELDMAN. I refuse to answer that on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth amendment.

Mr. ARENS. You know, of course, that Charles Coe has been repeatedly identified by former undercover agents of the FBI in the Communist Party as a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. FELDMAN. Is that a statement, sir, or a question?

Mr. ARENS. Do you know that as a fact? Are you aware of the fact that he has been identified as a Comrade?

Mr. FELDMAN. I refuse to make answer on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth, sir.

Mr. WILLIS. May I ask a question?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes, sir.

Mr. WILLIS. Mr. Counsel, do I understand the procedure about this publication to be about this: That the Newsletter and the Southerner are printed in Chicago and then sent in bulk to Louisville for distribution from that southern point?

Mr. ARENS. At least in part. That is the information which we have, Mr. Willis. We know, as has been developed in this record, that Mr. Feldman is the editor, he lives in Chicago; that they have a post office box in Louisville. We know that some of the publications themselves are actually sent from Chicago, because we have here postmarks from Chicago on some of the publications.

The CHAIRMAN. The only thing Southern about it is that it originates in South Chicago.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, we had a number of other questions that we would have liked to have propounded to this witness, but it is quite obvious that we would be wasting the committee's time because this witness will not answer the questions which we feel are of vital concern.

The CHAIRMAN. Any questions?

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, I have just one I think we should ask.

Are you now, Mr. Feldman, or have you ever been, a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. FELDMAN. Mr. Jackson, I refuse to make answer to your question, sir, and my refusal is based on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. JACKSON. Are you now, or have you ever been, a member of the Ku Klux Klan?

Mr. FELDMAN. I refuse to make answer, sir, on the grounds of the first amendment and the fifth.

Mr. JACKSON. Then you are consistent.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will stand in recess until two o'clock.

(Whereupon, at 12:30 p. m., the subcommittee recessed to reconvene at 2 p. m. the same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION, TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1958

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will be in order.

(Committee members present: Representatives Walter, Willis, Tuck, and Jackson.)

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Arens, will you call your next witness, please?

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Irving Fishman, kindly remain standing while the chairman administers an oath to you.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Fishman, do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. FISHMAN. I do.

TESTIMONY OF IRVING FISHMAN

Mr. ARENS. Kindly identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Mr. FISHMAN. My name is Irving Fishman. I live in New York. And I am Deputy Collector of Customs with the Treasury Department, assigned to the enforcement and control of the importation of Communist political propaganda, on a country-wide basis.

Mr. ARENS. How long have you been with the Customs Service and how long have you been assigned to this particular project of maintaining surveillance on the importation of Communist propaganda?

Mr. FISHMAN. I have been with the Customs Service some 30 years and with this project about 10.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Fishman, give us just a word again on this record as to the principal provisions of the law, the Foreign Agents Registration Act, which are applicable to this project of Communist propaganda.

Mr. FISHMAN. The Customs Service, in a joint effort with the United States Post Office Department, is charged with the responsibility of prohibiting the importation of subversive materials which advocate treason or insurrection against the United States. We also have the joint responsibility with the Justice Department to enforce certain provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

The Foreign Agents Registration Act is a disclosure type of statute. It contemplates that those people in the United States who desire to read foreign propaganda be made aware of the source of the material by the proper labeling or identification thereof. Thus a reader has an opportunity to evaluate the source. As we understand it, the statute does not restrict or prohibit an individual from reading any printed material which emanates from the Soviet bloc countries.

The Customs Service and the Post Office Department have established three control units: One in New York, one in San Francisco, and one in Chicago. To these units we direct most of the printed material which has its origin in the Soviet Union and in the Soviet bloc countries.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Fishman, in the simplest terms, the Foreign Agents Registration Act requires that an agent in the United States of a foreign power, who is disseminating political propaganda, must himself register with the Department of Justice and must cause to be affixed to the political propaganda a labeling or a stamp so that the reader will know that he has Communist propaganda, is not that correct?

Mr. FISHMAN. That is correct.

Mr. ARENS. During the course of your 30-odd years' service in the Bureau of Customs of the United States Treasury Department, have you ever seen a single item of Communist propaganda which has been imported into the United States which has been labeled in accordance with the law, in accordance with the Foreign Agents Registration Act?

Mr. FISHMAN. None on its way into the United States. I have seen some exhibits in the Library of Congress which have borne the necessary labeling.

Mr. ARENS. You have before you today, Mr. Fishman, some specimens of the Communist propaganda that have been imported, or in the process of being imported, through New York City, is that correct?

Mr. FISHMAN. That is correct.

Mr. ARENS. That is one of the control points?

Mr. FISHMAN. That is correct.

Mr. ARENS. Before I proceed further, I should like to have you tell this committee now the overall statistics on the Communist propaganda that is being imported into the United States from the Iron Curtain countries through the various ports of entry.

Mr. FISHMAN. The volume increases steadily. In 1955 there were imported into the United States some 2,563,000 mail packages of printed matter from the Soviet bloc countries. These, we estimate, contained over 5,000,000 pieces of printed matter intended for dissemination in the United States.

In 1956 that increased by almost a million mail packages.

In 1957 it did increase by a million and in 1958—the first six months of 1958—there was a total of 2,454,000 packages containing 4,786,000 pieces of printed matter. This, of course, was a 6-month period in 1958. We haven't added the last 2 months.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Fishman, this is all material emanating from an Iron Curtain country, is it not?

Mr. FISHMAN. That is right.

Mr. ARENS. All imported into the United States, is that correct?

Mr. FISHMAN. That is correct.

Mr. ARENS. All of it disseminated over the United States?

Mr. FISHMAN. Intended for dissemination. Of course some of it we have been able to control.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Fishman, in addition to this material which you are speaking about which is imported from abroad, this Communist propaganda, is there Communist propaganda emanating from non-Communist countries abroad which is imported into the United States?

Mr. FISHMAN. Yes. As our control becomes more effective, a great deal of this same printed matter is sent into the United States through friendly countries. Because of budgetary difficulties, we are unable to exercise the same kind of control over all foreign mail matter; neither are we as much concerned with printed matter which comes from friendly countries. So that a good deal of this material is passed without examination. Then, too, in order to cause the detention of any of these importations under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, we must establish agency relationship. This is not as simple where material comes from a friendly country.

Mr. ARENS. Is the Communist propaganda which is coming into the United States from friendly countries, as distinct from the Iron Curtain countries, on the increase or on the decrease?

Mr. FISHMAN. On the increase.

Mr. ARENS. Do you have any way of giving us an appraisal as to the volume of that Communist propaganda that is hitting our shores?

Mr. FISHMAN. No. That would only be an estimate and we just haven't the figures at all.

Mr. ARENS. At the request of the chairman of the committee, did you, in the course of the recent past, make a spot check of the Communist propaganda coming through one port of entry, through New York City, destined to some 3 or 4 of the typical southern states?

Mr. FISHMAN. Yes. At the suggestion of the committee we segregated and set apart for a brief period of time that portion of the mail destined for this area.

Mr. ARENS. By this area you mean the Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi area, is that correct?

Mr. FISHMAN. That is correct.

Mr. ARENS. Over what period of time did you make this spot check?

Mr. FISHMAN. Two weeks.

Mr. ARENS. Do the exhibits here represent a typical sampling of this material?

Mr. FISHMAN. That is right. Most of the exhibits were chosen from material destined for this area.

Mr. ARENS. Tell us, if you please, sir, what type of mail this is which comes into the Southern States.

Mr. FISHMAN. The Communist propaganda program is directed, for the most part, to those states where the citizenship has its heritage in foreign countries, countries which are now under Communist control. Areas like the State of Georgia and other southern states get a much more selected type of material. Here the volume is much less. The percentage of material sent here is far less than it is in some of the northern states. But it is selected more carefully. It is sent to people who probably will disseminate and redistribute it in domestic and local publications. The propaganda program currently is directed, first of all, to the general type of Communist material; then, too, a good deal of effort has recently been directed to the students at the secondary schools in the United States, the colleges, and universities. And, of course, the redefection program or the "return to the homeland" program has been on the constant increase. We have made very careful efforts to halt the flow of this homeland material into the United States because it is all unsolicited.

The Committee on Un-American Activities has been very helpful in this respect: They have made the public aware that the redefection program is an overall Communist type of propaganda program. And this was important in this way: Redefection material is sent in—

Mr. ARENS. Excuse me. Would you clarify what you mean by redefection? Our record may not be clear on that here.

Mr. FISHMAN. The Communist propaganda machine, a number of years ago, turned out a good deal of material consisting of individually written letters to people who have their origin in foreign countries, asking them to return home; promising them forgiveness for any crimes they may have committed against the administration; assuring them that there was plenty, and that the situation in the particular country was far better than it was in the United States; and telling them that they owed it to their country of origin to return and give the benefits of their experience, their knowledge, to the foreign country. This material was individually addressed, and many of the recipients were alarmed because they felt that they were being subjected to pressures from outside of the United States. We received many letters asking us to withhold delivery of this material; Members of the Congress sent us many complaints that they had received; and it was as a result of a hearing before this committee, the Committee on Un-American Activities, that the public was made aware that this was an overall propaganda program, and many of the fears of the recipients were allayed.

The program, however, has continued to be on the increase; and as we have taken steps to control it, efforts to forward this type of material into the United States have increased, so much so that the senders have reduced the size of the letter and are now sending it in very small packets. Then, too, a good deal of it is disguised in time tables and other material, and the recipients are asked to acknowledge receipt, something they never were asked to do before this.

Mr. ARENS. As to this sampling which was made of Communist propaganda destined to this Mid-South area, does any of it contain a label that "this is Communist propaganda in accordance with the Foreign Agents Registration Act"?

Mr. FISHMAN. No. It is only by indirection and if you study the publication that one may become aware of its origin.

To complete the statement I made concerning this homeland material, I have a translation from the Russian, which I would like to read, at least an extract from it. It is addressed "Dear Compatriot," and reads as follows:

Having received your address from one of our compatriots, we decided to address this letter to you.

You live in foreign lands for a long time. We do not know what circumstances have torn you away from your homeland, from your family and friends and have doomed you to become a foreigner, but we are sure, that no matter where you are the holy image of the mother homeland always lives in your conscience, as it lives in the conscience and heart of everyone of our compatriots abroad. This is why we are taking it as our duty to help every Soviet citizen, who has found himself outside of his homeland, to come closer to the homeland, to be in touch with its life, successes in work, science and culture, to realize yourself to be a true son of the great Soviet people, to help our compatriots to withstand bourgeoisie and emigrant propaganda which, not wanting to see the successes of the Soviet people, pours slanders upon our homeland.

We know that not all Soviet citizens will be able to return to the homeland. We even don't consider this as our goal. But we wish to help our compatriots to reestablish contact with the homeland, to strengthen in them the feeling of pride for the homeland.

And so on and so forth. To continue from the letter:

If our letter to you will awaken in you some interest to the homeland or will provoke a desire to reestablish with relatives in the Soviet Union ties broken for one reason or another, or will make you think about your own position, write to us. We will give you cooperation and moral support.

This goes on to tell how to get in touch with the committee and advise that there is a broadcast every day.

Mr. ARENS. Why would they be sending that, Mr. Fishman? Do you have a conclusion you reached in your own mind on that?

Mr. FISHMAN. I doubt very much that any of this material has any real effect, and I doubt also whether there will be a wholesale exodus of people from the United States back to the Soviet Union, but it does continue to strengthen the distribution scheme in the United States and it permits dissemination to many more people who can be continuously bombarded with this type of material.

Mr. ARENS. By "this material," you are alluding exclusively at the moment to the defection material, are you not?

Mr. FISHMAN. Yes. Once having established a person's identity and address here in the United States, all of this other propaganda type of material follows, plus requests for funds and so on and so forth.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Fishman, this Communist propaganda here, various publications, of which you have made a sampling goes through the United States mails, does it not?

Mr. FISHMAN. It does.

Mr. ARENS. The United States mails are not self-sustaining, are they?

Mr. FISHMAN. Not as I understand it.

Mr. ARENS. In other words, Mr. Fishman, the taxpayers of this country are, by their subsidy to the Post Office Department, paying

part of the transportation costs of this Communist propaganda? Is that correct?

Mr. FISHMAN. That is so in my opinion.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Fishman, in what languages does this Communist propaganda appear in these various publications?

Mr. FISHMAN. Most of these exhibit publications are printed in 11 languages. A good deal of it is in English, or printed in the English language, but most every publication here is also reprinted in at least half a dozen languages other than English.

Mr. ARENS. Does some of this Communist propaganda go in transit through the United States to other areas in the Western Hemisphere?

Mr. FISHMAN. It does and, more particularly, recently to Latin America.

Mr. ARENS. From whence does it emanate?

Mr. FISHMAN. A good deal of it is printed by the Soviet Embassies in South America, one of the greatest distribution centers being in Mexico.

Mr. ARENS. Would you kindly tell us something about the content of each of the several specimens which you have there?

Mr. FISHMAN. All of this material of course is cleverly written by professional writers. They play skillfully on known and recognized grievances. We have chosen several exhibits, and I have prepared for committee use samples of articles taken from some of the newspapers before me.

The Literary Gazette, No. 86, July 19, 1958, is the organ of the Board of Union Writers of USSR, and among the articles in it is one which reports strong condemnation against American aggression in the Middle East. "Hands Off Arab Countries" is the title of one article; the second one, "Yankees Get Out of Lebanon." There are pictures and descriptions of the anti-United States demonstrations in Moscow with very strong attacks on the United States. Another article, "In the Name of Oil," strongly attacks the United States on its capitalistic greediness as the only reason for its intervention in Lebanon. Another article is entitled "To Cease Immediately the Game With Fire." This is a strongly anti-American review by the foreign press which accuses the United States of all evils in connection with the Middle East.

The propaganda, as you will note from these exhibits, is not very far behind what goes on in the United States; and actually we frequently find ourselves in the position where we obtain more current news from these foreign news bulletins issued abroad than we do from our own newspapers.

Here is a Chinese daily bulletin that is issued regularly, which contains very current news on what is alleged to be going on in Washington. Here is an article entitled "Hands Off Lebanon," with strong attacks against United States policies, said to consist of interference in the Middle East.

Mr. ARENS. Are there publications designed for particular groups in the United States, such as students and women and youth and the like?

Mr. FISHMAN. That is a special direction that the Communist program has recently taken. All of this type of publication, "World Student News," "Students Say No," "News Service," and so on and so forth; all are directed to students. There are two major distribution

centers for student material, one located in Czechoslovakia and the other located in Hungary. Both groups are very active. They claim some 97 million members around the world; they keep their program active by continually setting up world-wide meetings.

For example, the program for the next few months shows a meeting in August in the German Democratic Republic on the subject "Safeguarding Peace and Strengthening Friendship." This is sponsored by the International Union of Students. The second meeting, in August, in Moscow is on the subject "Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy." The third in Cracow, Poland, on August 16, is entitled "Social and Economic Problems of Students." The fourth, in Peiping, China, September 4th to 13th, is one of the large meetings. It is the Fifth Congress of the International Union of Students. Another one in Peiping on student life and activities, and a very recent one—just added—in December in the United Arab Republic, place yet unselected, will deal with current Near East problems.

Mr. ARENS. Can you tell us a little more, Mr. Fishman, about the recipients of this material in the United States, particularly in the South to which we are inviting your attention in this session?

Mr. FISHMAN. The committee is aware of the position of the Treasury Department, which maintains that the names and addresses of the recipients of this material are to remain classified and available to the committee for official use only. We have included in our last report submitted to the committee a list of the schools in this area that have been receiving this material regularly. I can refer to several: The Georgia State College for Women, Emory University, Berry College, University of Georgia in Athens, Mercer University, Agnes Scott College, Georgia Institute of Technology, the Atlanta University, Atlanta School of Social Work, the Teachers College of the State, and so on.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Fishman, this material is unsolicited as far as these schools are concerned, is it not?

Mr. FISHMAN. It is. It is sent to the editors of every college newspaper printed in the United States. Actually, in 1955 some 111,000 such individually addressed student packages were sent to schools in the United States. In 1958, in six months, over 140,000 individually addressed pieces of mail were sent to student groups in the United States.

Mr. ARENS. Were any of these labeled so a recipient would know, in accordance with provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act, that the material he is reading is Communist material?

Mr. FISHMAN. No. As a matter of fact, as I mentioned, these groups, the International Union of Students and the World Federation of Democratic Youth are both supposedly independent proper groups. They claim association with some of the recognized American student organizations. Many of these groups around the country have disclaimed this association, but they still continue to list them as associated groups.

Mr. ARENS. Does this material on this sampling get into Mississippi as well as Georgia?

Mr. FISHMAN. Oh, yes.

Mr. ARENS. Does it go into Alabama?

Mr. FISHMAN. It does.

Mr. ARENS. You pointed out 3 or 4 states that you used in sampling here in the South.

Mr. FISHMAN. That is right. We have concentrated on Georgia, of course, in the last 2 weeks.

Mr. ARENS. Are most of the educational institutions in Georgia the targets of this propaganda?

Mr. FISHMAN. It is sent to the schools here and universities, consistently, as one way of getting it read. In some college libraries a good deal of this material is made available to students.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Fishman, in times past, the committee has solicited your assistance in legislative proposals. The chairman of this committee, as you know, has introduced legislation, some of which is embodied in a bill, H. R. 9937, pending before the committee at the present time. Some of the provisions of that bill undertake to cope with this problem of Communist propaganda coming into the United States unlabeled.

Are you familiar with those provisions of H. R. 9937 which undertake to cause the labeling of this material prior to its actual physical importation?

Mr. FISHMAN. I am.

Mr. ARENS. Would you give us your expression on that, please, sir?

Mr. FISHMAN. We have long attempted to cope with this very problem. The Department of Justice has held that the labeling of this material, the requirement for labeling of this material, does not attach itself until the foreign agent, the disseminator in the United States, distributes the material in the United States. This leaves it pretty much up to the registered agent to decide, first of all, whether it is Communist propaganda and, second, whether he will label it. We have long sought for a requirement, and the new bill will provide it, that this material must be labeled before it enters the United States and before it is delivered to the recipient in the United States. Such a requirement will facilitate our work very considerably.

Mr. ARENS. Do you have any other comments to make respecting those provisions of H. R. 9937 which undertake to correct this particular problem?

Mr. FISHMAN. No. That is the most significant one as I see it.

Mr. ARENS. Would it be of help, in your judgment, Mr. Fishman, if the attempted control of this flood of Communist propaganda which is imported were centralized in a single agency of the Government?

Mr. FISHMAN. It would. It is currently pretty much a business of cooperation between our agency, the Post Office, and Justice. I think it would help a lot if it were all concentrated in one agency.

Mr. ARENS. Would any help come from additional translators?

Mr. FISHMAN. It would. We now, as I reported, have 3 control units. We can use other control units around the country.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, we have in other proceedings, as I am sure the chairman will recall, probed further on specific details of the legislative phase of Mr. Fishman's information. I would suggest that would conclude the staff interrogation of Mr. Fishman at this time.

The CHAIRMAN. Any questions?

Mr. WILLIS. No questions.

The CHAIRMAN. Any questions, Mr. Jackson?

Mr. JACKSON. No questions.

Mr. TUCK. No questions.

The CHAIRMAN. I noticed, Mr. Fishman, some of these magazines are really done up in great shape. They are fine looking. They are entirely in English without a word of advertising, not a line of advertising. Is this the type of magazine that is being sent to these schools for reading?

Mr. FISHMAN. It has been very apparent over the years. The cost of this material is obviously subsidized. It would be impossible to print and sell this material for the subscription price. Frequently, you can have a year's subscription to one of these publications for a dollar. In the absence of advertising, someone must be paying for printing these publications.

The CHAIRMAN. Some of this is really beautiful work.

Mr. FISHMAN. They compare very favorably with American printed magazines.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. FISHMAN. In format only, I hope.

The CHAIRMAN. I am sure that is the only comparison, Mr. Fishman.

Thank you very much, Mr. Fishman.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, could we suspend for just a couple of minutes while we make arrangements to get this material moved aside?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

(At this point Representatives Willis, Tuck, and Jackson left the room.)

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Perry Cartwright, kindly come forward.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Cartwright, will you raise your right hand, please.

Do you swear the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help you God?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. I do, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Sit down, please.

TESTIMONY OF PERRY CARTWRIGHT, ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSEL, C. EWBANK TUCKER

Mr. ARENS. Kindly identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Perry Cartwright, 5429—

Mr. ARENS. Excuse me just a minute, Mr. Cartwright. Would it be convenient for you not to get so close to the microphone?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. How is this?

The CHAIRMAN. Fine.

(At this point Representative Willis entered the hearing room.)

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Perry Cartwright, 5429 Ridgewood Court, Chicago 15, Illinois.

Is that modulated properly?

Mr. ARENS. That is all right.

And your position, please, sir?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. I am a salesman.

Mr. ARENS. You are appearing today in response to a subpoena which was served upon you by the House Committee on Un-American Activities?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. And you are represented by counsel?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. I am, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Counsel, kindly identify yourself.

Mr. TUCKER. C. Ewbank Tucker—

Mr. WILLS. I cannot hear you.

Mr. TUCKER. —of the Kentucky State Bar.

Mr. ARENS. Where are you employed, Mr. Cartwright?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. By the Owen Window Company in Chicago.

Mr. ARENS. Have you ever used any name other than the name Perry Cartwright?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Kindly tell us any other name that you used.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Fred Perry. I wrote at one time under the name of Fred Perry.

Mr. ARENS. Where did you write under the name of Fred Perry?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. During my 10 years or so in the Socialist organization, non-Communist Socialist organization that I belonged to.

Mr. ARENS. Over what period of time were you in that organization?

(At this point Representative Tucker entered the hearing room.)

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Oh, approximately '46 to '56, two organizations.

Mr. ARENS. Do you have any other occupation, other than your occupation as salesman?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Are you referring to my capacity with the Newsletter, sir?

Mr. ARENS. Yes, sir.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Yes, sure.

Mr. ARENS. What is your capacity with the Southern Newsletter?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. I am business manager or sometimes listed as circulation manager.

Mr. ARENS. How long have you occupied that post?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Since, I believe I am right on this, this spring of '57, approximately at that time.

Mr. ARENS. Can you tell us something of the circulation of the Southern Newsletter?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Yes. It goes largely about 85 percent to Southern white people. We find that there are many young Southerners who don't go along with Mr. Walter's friend, the great Governor of Georgia, on this business of segregation.

Mr. ARENS. In what States does the Southern Newsletter circulate?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. We find many young Southerners in all the Southern States are beginning to break with this business of racism—

Mr. ARENS. Will you kindly tell us, does it circulate in most of the Southern States?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. I believe we have them in every single State, if I am not wrong on that.

Mr. ARENS. Can you give us something on appraisal as to the aggregate or total circulation per month or per week?

(At this point Representative Jackson returned to the hearing room.)

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Oh, well, sir, it has been going very rapidly. To what month do you refer?

Mr. ARENS. Any period of time. You are the circulation manager of the Southern Newsletter, you tell us. We want to inquire from you what the circulation is.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Our response, as I say, considering our limited resources, is very gratifying with white Southern young people. We have grown from practically nothing to about 2,100 now.

Mr. ARENS. Where is the paper published?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. The mailing address is in Post Office Box 1307, Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. ARENS. Where is it printed?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. The paper is printed in Chicago.

Mr. ARENS. Does it have a postal permit to use the second-class mailing privilege?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. You have me there, sir. I honestly don't know the answer to that question.

Mr. ARENS. What type of postage do you put on the individual Southern Newsletter?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. 2-cent stamp. Whatever class that falls into.

May I answer a little more on the Chicago business, sir?

Mr. ARENS. Yes, sir, please.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Since I am cooperating with you and I am going to try to answer your questions, if I can—we are obliged to publish in Chicago because, with the pressures that have been exercised on us, we can't make a living, the segregation, such as this Governor here today, and the pressure they can bring make it very nearly impossible for a liberal white Southerner to make a living.

Mr. ARENS. Would you kindly tell us—and the record does not presently reflect it by affirmative testimony—who is the editor of the Southern Newsletter?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Well, Mr. Arens, as you see, I am testifying freely about myself; but one reason I can't be a Communist is because I understand that that is the sort of thing that goes on in Communist countries, testifying about other people, informing. I speak freely about my own connections and my own business, my own theory, and so on; but when it comes to talking about other people, I can't do that, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know who is the editor of the Southern Newsletter?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. I believe I covered that in the previous answer.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest the witness be ordered and directed to answer the question as to who is the editor of the paper of which he is a circulation manager.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer the question.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Chairman Walter, I understand this is one of the reasons that the United States Government, including your committee, is very much opposed to the Soviet Union, that they force people to talk about their friends and associates.

The CHAIRMAN. You are not being forced to talk about anybody. You are merely being asked who is the editor of the paper that employs you. You are not being asked to say anything about him at all.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. You see, sir, if I answer that, I believe that you might very well ask me about some of our subscribers and other people, and I wouldn't think of telling you the names of anybody in the South. Your friendly Governor might get after them.

The CHAIRMAN. Let us not be funny. I am not fortunate enough to be numbered among the Governor's friends, because I just met him this morning. So you are not making very much of an impression on anybody when you resort to that sort of thing. You are not going to be asked about subscribers at all, and you know it.

You answer the question who is the editor of this paper. It is published in Chicago and mailed in Louisville.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Walter, obviously the names, the two names, Perry Cartwright and Eugene Feldman, appear on this magazine together. That should be answer enough. If you can assure me that you won't pursue this into asking me the names and addresses of people in the South, where they will be subjected to the violence of the Klan and the Councils, then I will answer that particular question. But I got to draw the line at giving information to segregationists.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Arens, ask the next question.

Mr. ARENS. Are Carl and Anne Braden of Louisville connected with the Southern Newsletter? Could you help us on that, please, sir?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Arens, there is a good sample right there of liberal white people who believe in a more democratic approach to the race question, getting into terrible trouble, subsequently cleared by the Supreme Court, the same Court which, of course, slapped this committee down several times. I just simply am not going to talk about other people and get them in trouble in the South.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know whether or not Carl and Anne Braden are connected in an official capacity with the Southern Newsletter?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Arens, if you will ask me about myself, as you see, I am willing to testify freely, but I must repeat it is morally reprehensible to me—

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest the witness be ordered and directed to answer the question.

The CHAIRMAN. You are directed to answer the question.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. I am just not going to help in bringing any kind of police-state informing conditions in this country. It is against my principles entirely, sir. I will answer about myself. I have done that freely. Please don't put me in position to jeopardizing other people.

The CHAIRMAN. Why would you be jeopardizing anybody by admitting that you knew them? How would you be placing them in jeopardy?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Walter, I will answer that one. It is common knowledge that it was a great case in this country centered around the Bradens. I read about it, as well as anyone else interested in a more democratic, decent great South that your party says it is for in its platforms. The Bradens, as you probably know, were sentenced to jail 15 years on a drummed-up sedition charge.

The CHAIRMAN. That is the case where they blew up their own property. Is that the case you are talking about?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. You are making allegations.

The CHAIRMAN. I am merely asking. I don't know anything about it, either.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. It is a have-you-stopped-beating-the-wife question. That allegation was never sustained. Someone blew up a house.

The CHAIRMAN. I asked you to identify a case. I don't remember.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Sir, my attorney here was represented in that case. He is a prominent Negro Republican attorney in Louisville and he helped represent the Bradens. Now, I would have no objection to my counsel answering that question. He is intimately familiar with the case.

The CHAIRMAN. He is not the witness at the moment.

Go ahead, Mr. Arens.

Mr. ARENS. Where did you live immediately prior to your present residence?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. 4746½ South Woodlawn, Chicago.

Mr. ARENS. Where did you live immediately prior to your Chicago residence?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Flint, Michigan.

Mr. ARENS. How long did you live there?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Some 4 years, sir.

Mr. ARENS. How long have you lived in Chicago?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Three, three and a half years.

Mr. ARENS. What was your occupation in Flint, Michigan?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Oh, I drove a truck and, for a while, I was a machinist at one of the General Motors plants there.

Mr. ARENS. Give us a word, sir, about your education.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Well, I grew up in York, South Carolina, and I completed high school at the schools there, and I went one year to the University of South Carolina. Then I had a considerable number of courses of all types in both the Royal Canadian Air Force and in the United States Army, from which I was discharged as a captain in 1945.

Are you listening, Mr. Arens? Do you want me to answer the thing?

Mr. ARENS. Go ahead. I am listening, yes, sir.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. After that I went to New York University for a total of about 2 years. It was a little broken up.

Mr. ARENS. Have you been connected with any publications other than with the Newsletter?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Well, sir, as I mentioned, I was a Socialist. I am a non-Communist. You know you are supposed to be investigating communism. You know perfectly well I'm not a Communist. And I wrote at various times for certain Socialist publications.

Mr. ARENS. Have you ever written for the Southerner of Dalton, Georgia?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. My name appears in it, and I wrote for it, yes, sir. I felt that it was an approach to a sane race-relations program in the South towards unionization, which I am strongly in favor of, and because of these convictions I wrote for it without any compensation of any kind.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that will conclude the staff interrogation of this witness.

The CHAIRMAN. Any questions?

Mr. WILLIS. No questions.

Mr. TUCK. No questions.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Am I released? Am I released, sir?

Mr. ARENS. The next witness, if you please, Mr. Chairman, will be Clara Saba.

Kindly come forward.

The CHAIRMAN. Will you raise your right hand, please?

Mr. FORER. Just a moment. We ask that no photographs be taken, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Before the witness testifies there is no rule that—

Mr. FORER. I didn't hear you. I am sorry.

The CHAIRMAN. Before the witness testifies, you know the rule of this committee is to permit the press to take pictures.

Mr. JACKSON. It is known as freedom of the press.

Mr. FORER. I am glad to hear you solicit that.

The CHAIRMAN. You have been before this committee dozens of times so you know the rules better than anybody.

Please stand up and raise your right hand, Mrs. Saba.

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mrs. SABA. I do.

The CHAIRMAN. Sit down, please.

TESTIMONY OF CLARA HUTCHERSON SABA, ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSEL, JOSEPH FORER

Mr. ARENS. Kindly identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Mrs. SABA. I am Mrs. Mitchell Saba, from Roanoke, Virginia, and I am unemployed, thanks to this committee; after I got your subpoena, I was fired.

Mr. ARENS. You are appearing today in response to a subpoena that was served upon you by this committee?

Mrs. SABA. Yes, in response. It is not voluntary.

Mr. ARENS. And you are represented by counsel?

Mrs. SABA. Yes, I am.

Mr. ARENS. Counsel, will you kindly identify yourself?

Mr. FORER. Joseph Forer, Washington, D. C.

Mr. ARENS. Would you kindly tell us your maiden name, please, Mrs. Saba?

Mrs. SABA. Clara Hutchinson.

Mr. ARENS. H-u-t-c-h-i-n-s-o-n?

Mrs. SABA. No.

Mr. ARENS. Would you kindly spell your last name, your maiden name for us?

Mrs. SABA. H-u-t-c-h-e-r-s-o-n. From Pittsylvania County, in Virginia. I believe that is Representative Tuck, our former Governor's district, down there at Danville.

Mr. ARENS. Now, for purposes of identification, you are the wife of Mitchell Saba; is that correct?

Mrs. SABA. That is right.

Mr. ARENS. Where were you born?

Mrs. SABA. I was born on a tobacco farm in Pittsylvania County near Danville.

Mr. ARENS. And give us a word, please, about your education.

Mrs. SABA. I am a high-school graduate.

Mr. ARENS. When?

Mrs. SABA. 1934.

Mr. ARENS. Kindly tell us your first principal employment after you concluded your formal education.

Mrs. SABA. I was a textile worker.

Mr. ARENS. Where?

Mrs. SABA. American Viscose Company in Roanoke for 8 years.

Mr. ARENS. Over what period of time were you a textile worker?

Mrs. SABA. Well, if I recall rightly I worked for awhile during my high school years—for 6 months, I believe it was—and I went back and finished high school so I could graduate in the spring term with the rest of my class. And then I went back to the American Viscose Company where I worked for 8 years along with, I believe it was, 3 sisters and my father.

Mr. ARENS. Please tell us about what period of time in your life were you engaged in this textile establishment.

Mrs. SABA. What do you mean?

Mr. ARENS. What years?

Mrs. SABA. I think it was 1934 to—my arithmetic might not be very good—I think it was 1942. Does that make 8 years?

Mr. ARENS. Approximately, yes.

Now, tell us what your first employment was after you concluded your employment at the textile establishment.

Mrs. SABA. I was technologically displaced. So I went from there as an organizer to North Carolina, in Winston-Salem.

Mr. ARENS. Excuse me. An organizer for what?

Mrs. SABA. For FTA, Food, Tobacco and Agriculture.

Mr. ARENS. Who was your immediate supervisor in FTA?

Mrs. SABA. My immediate superior?

Mr. ARENS. Yes, Ma'am.

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mr. FORER. Give the question again, will you?

Mr. ARENS. Who was your immediate superior in FTA?

Mrs. SABA. It is not that I mind telling you but it is that every name that seems to come before this committee, that their names are published in the newspapers, just like mine was; and they get all sorts of smears against them, and I hesitate to do it for that reason.

Mr. ARENS. Was the person who was your immediate superior, to your knowledge, a member of the Communist Party?

Mrs. SABA. I know nothing about his membership in anything except that he was a director.

Mr. ARENS. Thank you. Tell us, where were you engaged by FTA as an organizer?

Mrs. SABA. In Winston-Salem.

Mr. ARENS. Over what period of time?

Mrs. SABA. Well, let's see. I believe it was 1943 to—it was a year and a half.

Mr. ARENS. Where were you organizing, in what plant or plants?

Mrs. SABA. Camel Cigarette factory.

Mr. ARENS. And your next employment?

Mrs. SABA. From there I went to New York.

Mr. ARENS. In what capacity did you go to New York, as an organizer for FTA?

Mrs. SABA. No, I got married.

Mr. ARENS. Did you live in New York?

Mrs. SABA. Yes, for a year and a half.

Mr. ARENS. Were you then employed?

Mrs. SABA. Yes, I was.

Mr. ARENS. Where were you employed?

Mrs. SABA. For the United States Army.

Mr. ARENS. In what capacity?

Mrs. SABA. Transportation zone.

Mr. ARENS. What were your duties?

Mrs. SABA. Clerk-stenographer.

Mr. ARENS. And then your next employment?

Mrs. SABA. Well, I believe it was from there we came back to Roanoke and—

Mr. ARENS. While you were in New York City, before you get back to Roanoke, did you attend any sessions at a place called Camp Beacon in New York?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mr. WILLIS. What was that question?

Mr. ARENS. The question was while she was in New York City, did she attend any sessions at a place called Camp Beacon, New York.

Mrs. SABA. I refuse to answer that question for the following reasons: No. 1, I feel that these questions invade my rights under the first amendment, free speech and free assembly; No. 2, I believe, from what I have heard and from what I have read of your committee, that it is not in the best interests of civil liberties of our country; and I believe that you are calling me here because of my strong position that I have taken for a great number of years on the question of integration in the South.

The CHAIRMAN. Just let me disabuse your mind on that point. That is simply not the truth. Whether you believe it or not, it is not the truth. This committee is not concerned with any extraneous problems such as that is. We are concerned solely with Communist activities and what to do about it in order to protect this Republic, and we are asking you to assist us in our work.

Mr. ARENS. Have you been in attendance at Camp Beacon in New York?

Mrs. SABA. I have not finished the answer.

Mr. ARENS. I beg your pardon.

Mrs. SABA. I would like to say further that your calling me here is—now what's the word?

The CHAIRMAN. Inconvenience?

Mrs. SABA. Well, it is an inconvenience, that's for sure.

The CHAIRMAN. It was an inconvenience for us to come here, too.

Mrs. SABA. I want to say this: that your calling me here would infer that I am un-American, that I am an advocate of force and violence, that I am for conspiracy and spying and that sort of thing; and I

want you to know that I resent that very much, and the people who know better know I have nothing to do——

Mr. ARENS. Now, tell the committee whether you have been a member of the Communist Party.

Mrs. SABA. I have not finished my answer. I refuse to answer.

Mr. FORER. That is all right. Just a minute.

I take it, Mr. Arens, you have accepted the objections to the last question and are now going on to another.

The CHAIRMAN. Just a minute. Have you answered the last question?

Mrs. SABA. I haven't finished.

The CHAIRMAN. Go ahead.

Mrs. SABA. I want to say I am basing my refusal on the first amendment and on the fifth amendment, which gives me the privilege of use so that I don't have to be a witness against myself.

Mr. ARENS. To your certain knowledge, is the Communist Party un-American?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. SABA. Is this a question you are asking?

Mr. ARENS. Yes; you said you have not done anything un-American.

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. SABA. Define your terms, please.

Mr. ARENS. Now tell this committee, are you now, or have you ever been, a member of the Communist Party?

Mrs. SABA. I refuse to answer that question for the same reasons I just gave, first and fifth amendment.

Mr. ARENS. Are you now, at this moment, a member of the Communist Party?

Mrs. SABA. I refuse to answer that on the grounds of the first and fifth amendment.

Mr. ARENS. Were you a member of the Communist Party when you were sent by FTA as an organizer into North Carolina?

Mrs. SABA. I refuse to answer that on the grounds of the first and fifth amendment.

Mr. ARENS. Were you a member of the Communist Party when you were engaged in the service of the United States Army?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. SABA. Pardon?

Mr. ARENS. Were you a member of the Communist Party when you were engaged in the service of the United States Army?

Mrs. SABA. I refuse to answer that for the reasons I gave before.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know, or have you known, a person by the name of Ralph Long?

Mrs. SABA. There is a Ralph Long that I know of and who has been convicted about 20 or 30 times of drunkenness and disorderly conduct in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Is that the one that you want to know about?

Mr. ARENS. Do you know, or have you known, a man by the name of Ralph V. Long?

Mrs. SABA. I refuse to answer on the previous reasons given.

Mr. ARENS. Ralph V. Long took an oath before this committee and testified that while he was a member of the Communist Party, he

knew you as a Communist. I would like to give you an opportunity now to deny that statement by Mr. Long, which was made under oath; while you are under oath, do you care to avail yourself of that opportunity?

Mrs. SABA. I would like consultation, please.

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. SABA. I do not care to do so, but I want it to be known and make perfectly clear that Mr. Long has been convicted many times on drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Mr. ARENS. Was Mr. Long in error or was he telling the truth when he said that he knew you as a Communist and served with you as a Communist at Camp Beacon?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mr. SABA. I refuse for the same reason.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, the witness has said that she knows a Mr. Long. Now, I am interested in finding out whether he was in a drunken and irresponsible condition when he identified you as a member of the Communist Party.

Were you in fact a member of the Communist Party as testified to under oath by Mr. Long?

Mrs. SABA. I refuse for the same reasons that I gave previously.

Mr. ARENS. Kindly tell us what your next employment was after you became disassociated from the United States Army.

Mrs. SABA. Will you repeat that question, please?

Mr. ARENS. From the employ of the United States Army.

Mrs. SABA. What was that question, please?

Mr. ARENS. You told us a few moments ago during one period of your life, 1943 or thereabouts, you were engaged in a clerical capacity with the United States Army in New York City. When did that service terminate?

Mrs. SABA. I believe it was '45. I am not quite sure about that.

Mr. ARENS. Kindly tell us your next employment.

Mrs. SABA. From there I went to Roanoke, and I didn't work in Roanoke. Then we moved to Florida.

Mr. ARENS. I didn't hear that.

Mrs. SABA. Went to Florida. In Miami, Florida, I worked for OPA.

Mr. ARENS. You went from the United States Army to Miami, Fla., and worked in OPA?

Mrs. SABA. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. What period of time did you work in OPA?

Mr. FORER. You left out Roanoke, but that is all right.

Mr. ARENS. You went to Roanoke from the United States Army for a short time and then to Miami, Florida.

Mrs. SABA. That is right.

Mr. ARENS. Were you engaged in employment in Roanoke prior to the time you went to Miami, Florida?

Mrs. SABA. No, not that I recall.

Mr. ARENS. How long were you engaged by the OPA in Miami, Florida?

Mrs. SABA. I believe it was about 6 or 8 months. I am not sure.

Mr. ARENS. In what capacity?

Mrs. SABA. Clerk-stenographer.

Mr. ARENS. Your next employment?

Mrs. SABA. From there we came back to Roanoke, and I believe my next job was with American Bridge Company, a subsidiary of United States Steel.

Mr. ARENS. In what capacity?

Mrs. SABA. In payroll.

Mr. ARENS. Were you a Communist at that time, a member of the Communist Party?

Mrs. SABA. I refuse to answer that on the basis that I have given earlier.

Mr. ARENS. Your next employment, please, Ma'am.

Mrs. SABA. The next was with a printing company—my experiences and work have been quite varied.

Mr. ARENS. In Roanoke?

Mrs. SABA. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. And in what capacity?

Mrs. SABA. I was a one-office girl, or one-girl office.

Mr. ARENS. And your next job, please?

Mrs. SABA. The next one was, I think it was, in Arizona, in Phoenix, Arizona. My husband had to go there for his health, and I worked there.

Mr. ARENS. Kindly tell us what year, please.

Mrs. SABA. I have lost track. Let me see. Gosh, I don't remember.

Mr. ARENS. Was it in the late 40's?

Mr. SABA. Can I help? I am Mitchell Saba. We went there in '55, if that will refresh her memory.

Mrs. SABA. '55?

Mr. SABA. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Were you engaged in Phoenix, Arizona?

Mrs. SABA. Pardon?

Mr. ARENS. Were you engaged, did you have a job in Phoenix, Arizona?

Mrs. SABA. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. In what capacity?

Mrs. SABA. I was a stenographer for a construction company.

Mr. ARENS. How long did you stay in Phoenix?

Mrs. SABA. We got there in June and left in May.

Mr. ARENS. And your next location, please?

Mrs. SABA. Well, we came back to Roanoke—well, no. I got a couple other little jobs with construction companies, seasonal type of work, and I was laid off and I got a couple of short jobs while I was there, doing office work; and then we came to Roanoke.

Mr. ARENS. Have you been given special training at Camp Beacon in New York, under Communist Party direction and auspices, on Communist Party penetration techniques in the South?

Mrs. SABA. I refuse to answer that on the grounds that I have previously given.

Mr. ARENS. I put it to you as a fact, and ask you to affirm or deny the fact, that you have been in attendance at Camp Beacon, New York.

Mr. FORER. The witness did not complete her answer to the preceding question.

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. SABA. This question of penetrating the South, I want you to know that I was born in the South; and my ancestors, from as far back as I can remember, they were one of the first families of Virginia, and I don't know how I could penetrate the South.

Mr. ARENS. Yes. Now, just tell us whether or not you received training in the techniques of—not penetration of the South, I will amend my query—Communist penetrations of the South at Camp Beacon, New York.

Mrs. SABA. I refuse to answer that on the grounds that I have previously given.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that will conclude the staff interrogation of this witness.

The CHAIRMAN. Are there any questions?

The witness is excused.

Mrs. SABA. Does Governor Tuck have any questions?

Mr. TUCK. I might ask you one or two.

The CHAIRMAN. What was that?

Mr. TUCK. She invited me to ask her one or two questions, and I thought I might comply.

Mrs. SABA. Go ahead.

Mr. FORER. She wants to know how things are in Danville.

Mr. TUCK. In what part of Pittsylvania County was that tobacco farm where you were born?

Mrs. SABA. Pardon?

Mr. TUCK. In what part of Pittsylvania County was that tobacco farm on which you were born and raised?

Mrs. SABA. It was near Axton. My father used to take his tobacco to market to Danville and South Boston, I believe.

Did you have a tobacco warehouse in South Boston?

Mr. TUCK. My father did.

Mrs. SABA. Then he probably took it to your father.

The CHAIRMAN. Probably related.

Mrs. SABA. Might be.

Mr. TUCK. What school did you say you graduated from in Pittsylvania County? What high school did you graduate from?

Mrs. SABA. My sisters went to Brownsville. I didn't. You are probably familiar with Brownsville.

Mr. TUCK. I understood you to say earlier in your testimony that you graduated—

Mrs. SABA. From Jefferson High School in Roanoke.

Mr. TUCK. In Roanoke?

Mrs. SABA. That's right.

Mr. TUCK. I thought you must have gone to some school outside of Pittsylvania County after hearing your testimony and I was wondering what other schools you attended.

Mrs. SABA. Jefferson, a wonderful guy.

Mr. TUCK. Did you get any other education after you left Jefferson School in Roanoke?

Mrs. SABA. What did you say?

Mr. TUCK. Did you go to any other school or colleges besides Jefferson School in Roanoke?

Mrs. SABA. That is the extent of my formal education.

Mr. TUCK. I wondered where you got so well educated on the Constitution.

Mrs. SABA. I can read.

Mr. FORER. It is in the paper, Governor.

Mrs. SABA. I believe that the committee could learn a great deal from the Constitution if they would study it as well as I have, apparently. That is without contempt.

Mr. TUCK. Where in Roanoke did you work? You said you lost your job in Roanoke by reason of having been subpoenaed.

Mrs. SABA. I was a secretary, secretary-receptionist for two physicians.

Mr. TUCK. Two physicians?

Mrs. SABA. That is right.

Mr. TUCK. And they objected to your being summoned down here to testify and to give this committee such information as you may have upon the operations of the Communist organization?

Mrs. SABA. Well, we had quite a discussion, the doctors and I; and I told them that I felt that my appearance here, that I was fighting for the right of opinion and belief, and that this burden, which I consider a burden, it was not only just for me but it was for them, too; and they said that they didn't have any disagreement with me on that, they felt that I had a perfect right to my opinions and my beliefs, but they couldn't—

Mr. TUCK. Do you mean to convey—

Mrs. SABA. Pardon?

Mr. TUCK. Do you mean to convey to this committee and the House of Representatives and to the people here gathered that there are doctors in Roanoke, Va., who would object to your coming here before this committee of the Congress and giving them the benefit of such information as you may have in respect to the Communist organization in this country?

Mrs. SABA. I didn't say that they objected.

The CHAIRMAN. Of course you did. That is exactly what you said. You said you lost your job because you had been subpoenaed.

Mr. FORER. Why don't you let her finish what she was saying about what happened.

Mrs. SABA. I said I lost my job. That's right, because I was subpoenaed down here. They said that they—they couldn't keep me on with the kind of newspaper publicity that was coming out about me.

Mr. TUCK. Let me ask you this question—

Mrs. SABA. And would be coming out as a result of this hearing.

Mr. TUCK. Was there objection on their part to your giving information or was there objection on their part to your refusal to give information?

(Witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. SABA. That is all I can say. They just objected to the publicity that—you know—the spotlight would be on them and they said they would have to let me go rather than that happen.

Mr. TUCK. They didn't object to any publicity that might ensue by reason of your giving this committee any information which you had in respect to the Communist operation in the South, did they?

Mrs. SABA. I think you would have to ask them that. Yes, I do. I think you would.

Mr. TUCK. That they objected to that? They objected to your giving this committee information?

Mr. FORER. Mrs. Saba said she couldn't read their minds.

Mr. JACKSON. Let her answer. Counsel is well familiar with the rules of the committee.

Mrs. SABA. I didn't say that at all.

Mr. TUCK. I am interrogating the witness, not the counsel.

Mrs. SABA. I didn't say they objected to my coming down here. I am saying they objected to the kind of newspaper publicity that would come out of this trial, and they said they could not keep me on, on that basis.

Mr. TUCK. Did you tell them that you were going to come down here and invoke the fifth amendment to the Constitution?

Mrs. SABA. I told them I was coming down here to protect the right of free speech and free opinion and that I felt that I was doing that for them, too, and I also told them that fascism in Germany—and the German people are smart people, they are not stupid—and yet fascism was able to take abold and grow over there. I say that the same thing could happen in this country unless people safeguard the right to bear their own opinions and their own thoughts, and that is exactly what I am trying and intending to do here today. If that sounds un-American, then I have to say I am un-American, but that is the way I feel about it.

Mr. TUCK. That is, in effect, you told these two physicians in Roanoke who employ you that you were going to come down here and refuse to give this committee such information as you may have in your possession that would guide and help this committee?

Mrs. SABA. Where do you get your information?

Mr. TUCK. I didn't. The only information that I have is from you. (The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. SABA. Yes, you are putting words in my mouth, Governor Tuck. I am sorry, I can't answer that.

Mr. TUCK. I am interrogating you on your own testimony.

Mrs. SABA. I haven't told you any such things.

Mr. JACKSON. Would the gentleman yield briefly?

Mr. TUCK. I will be glad to yield.

Mr. JACKSON. I would like to get this thing in proper context.

How did the news of your subpoena come to the attention of the doctors by whom you were employed? Did you tell them?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. SABA. That's a very interesting question.

Mr. JACKSON. That is why I asked it.

Mrs. SABA. I believe so. It makes me think that you have somehow or other—the committee must have gotten in touch with the doctors. Of course I did tell them.

Mr. JACKSON. I have no information, nor have I conferred with your former employers.

Mrs. SABA. In fact, I told the doctors the very day that I got a telephone call from the marshal. I went straight to the doctor and told him what kind of telephone call that I had gotten and I told him what to expect in the way of publicity.

Mr. JACKSON. All right.

Now, what did the doctor say to you? As a matter of fact, I think these doctors will finally wind up in a position to be highly commended, but I want to determine the reason, as you do, Governor Tuck, as to why any loyal American, be he doctor or any other

citizen, would object or would discharge an employee for doing his or her duty to the Government in the face of this tremendous conspiracy.

Do you contend that these doctors by whom you were employed discharged you simply because you were subpoenaed? Was that the reason for the discharge?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mr. FORER. Would you mind repeating that question?

Mr. JACKSON. No. I want to know if the witness was discharged simply because she was subpoenaed.

Mr. FORER. The witness, Mr. Jackson—

Mrs. SABA. You want me to tell you what was said?

Mr. JACKSON. No.

Mrs. SABA. I will—

Mr. JACKSON. Very well.

Mrs. SABA. I am trying not to. If you insist, I will.

Mr. JACKSON. As briefly as possible.

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. SABA. You are asking for this.

Mr. JACKSON. Of course. That is why I asked.

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. SABA. I don't see how it is relevant and all and I would rather not say this. I would rather not say this because it is going to get back to the doctors. But I will tell you if you insist on it.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, the purpose of counsel is not to put words into the mouth of the witness.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes, of course.

Mr. JACKSON. It is audible from here.

Mrs. SABA. I am asking legal advice.

Mr. JACKSON. You are not asking; you are getting solicited guidance.

Mrs. SABA. I am asking for legal advice. Isn't that permissible?

Mr. JACKSON. Go on with the advice you have received.

Now, what happened when you went to the doctors?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mr. JACKSON. I am asking the witness. What happened when you went to the doctors and informed them that you had received the subpoena? This is within your knowledge, and I want the answer from you.

Mrs. SABA. I must consult with my attorney.

Mr. JACKSON. Was your attorney there when you told the doctors you had received a subpoena?

Mrs. SABA. Who is the chairman? Mr. Walter, who is responsible?

Mr. JACKSON. I have the floor. I am asking a question.

Mrs. SABA. Point of order, if that is correct.

Mr. JACKSON. No, I am sorry. This is not subject to a point of order. I am asking a question.

Mrs. SABA. Can I have some access to the chairman?

Mr. JACKSON. If the chairman tells me to cease, yes, but until—

Mrs. SABA. May I consult with my attorney?

The CHAIRMAN. In a moment—

Mrs. SABA. May I consult with my attorney before answering that question?

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, I withdraw the question if this is so involved that the witness does not know what occurred when she went to the doctors. I will not pursue it.

Mr. FORER. Point of privilege—

The CHAIRMAN. Have you ever been to Beacon, N. Y.?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. SABA. When we lived in New York.

Is this thing right?

The CHAIRMAN. It is on. We can hear you.

Mrs. SABA. Yes. We have been to Beacon. We traveled to Beacon. We traveled to all the outlying areas of New York City; yes.

The CHAIRMAN. You have been to Beacon?

Mrs. SABA. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you been to schools that were conducted at Beacon, New York?

Mrs. SABA. I refused to answer that on the previous grounds that I have given you earlier in my testimony.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you attend a Communist school in Beacon, New York?

Mrs. SABA. I refuse to answer that on the grounds of the previous testimony.

The CHAIRMAN. The fact of the matter is, the only school you went to at Beacon, New York, was a school that was established for the purpose of training people to go into other areas of the United States to instruct in Communist procedures, practices, and methods; isn't that a fact?

(At this point Representative Jackson left the hearing room.)

Mrs. SABA. I refuse to answer that on the basis that I have given you previously.

The CHAIRMAN. All right. Call your next witness.

Witness excused.

Mr. ARENS. The next witness, if you please, Mr. Chairman, is Mitchell Saba.

Kindly come forward.

The CHAIRMAN. Raise your right hand.

Mr. SABA. Mr. Chairman, this is necessary?

The CHAIRMAN. It is part of our system of government. It is part of freedom of the press. We are very much concerned in preserving it.

Mr. SABA. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Raise your right hand.

Do you swear the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God.

Mr. SABA. I do.

TESTIMONY OF MITCHELL SABA, ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSEL, JOSEPH FORER

Mr. ARENS. Kindly identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Mr. SABA. My name is Mitchell Saba, and my home is 4125 Kentucky Avenue, N. W., in Roanoke, Virginia.

Mr. ARENS. You are appearing here today, Mr. Saba, in response to a subpoena which was served upon you by this committee?

Mr. SABA. That is correct.

Mr. ARENS. And you are represented by counsel?

Mr. SABA. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Counsel, please identify yourself on this record.

Mr. FORER. Joseph Forer, and I am still from Washington, D. C.

Mr. ARENS. Where and when were you born, Mr. Saba?

Mr. SABA. I was born in Brooklyn, New York, on July 18, 1910.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Saba, would it be convenient for you to keep your voice up a little, please, sir.

Mr. SABA. Oh.

Mr. ARENS. Give us, please, a word about your education.

Mr. SABA. I had 8 years of grammar school and 1 term—back in those days 1 term was half a year of high school, which I got by going to school at night after work.

Mr. ARENS. Did that complete your formal education?

Mr. SABA. Yes, it did.

Mr. ARENS. What year was that, please, sir?

Mr. SABA. Well, I don't recall the year I completed the half year in high school. It was sometime in the middle 20's.

Mr. ARENS. Now, kindly tell us the first principal employment you had after you completed your formal education.

Mr. SABA. I worked as an errand boy in a garment factory. I carried around the salesman's suitcase with samples which he took to these bars, and models wore them, and so on and so forth.

Mr. ARENS. How long did that employment endure?

Mr. SABA. I worked in this garment factory for 3 years. At the end of 3 years I was a full-fledged cutter, c-u-t-t-e-r. I was 18 years old at that time.

Mr. ARENS. And your next employment?

Mr. SABA. That was with a similar company for—no. My next employment after that was for approximately 5 or 6 months in a men's clothing store as a wrapper.

Mr. ARENS. Your next employment, please, sir.

Mr. SABA. In the ladies' garment industry for a while, and at that time my health had deteriorated and at that time I was 19. Things were such—my father didn't have much money. He had a brother in Egypt and he sent me there—in late 1929, for my bronchial condition.

Mr. ARENS. To Egypt?

Mr. SABA. Cairo, Egypt.

Mr. ARENS. How long did you stay in Egypt?

Mr. SABA. Two and a half years. Apparently the climate was not too good for me. I did work as a salesman—this was during the depression, early thirty's—for an American company, selling office equipment in Egypt.

Mr. ARENS. On your return to the United States, what was your principal employment?

Mr. SABA. I didn't return to the United States from Egypt. I had to do something about my health, for my health deteriorated in Egypt, too, and I went to Lebanon, to the Lebanon mountains; and the three and a half years there improved my health very much.

Mr. ARENS. In what capacity were you engaged in Lebanon while you were there?

Mr. SABA. As a patient.

Mr. ARENS. Then your next employment?

Mr. SABA. I came back to the United States in 1936, and soon after that, having worked in the—rather, being in the hospital for such a while, I thought that I would like to work in a hospital and I did work for the City of New York for 6 years as an attendant for the Department of Hospitals.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir. Your next employment.

Mr. SABA. I sought to improve myself and I worked for the Veterans' Administration, also as an attendant in a Veterans Administration hospital in New York for 2 years.

Mr. ARENS. That gets us up to about '44 or '45, does it not?

Mr. SABA. A little earlier than that, was when I—I think probably—

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir. Your next principal employment, please, sir.

Mr. SABA. I met a fellow who agreed to take me in when he opened up his shop and teach me refrigeration, which I did.

Mr. ARENS. That was in New York City?

Mr. SABA. In New York City.

Mr. ARENS. How long did that arrangement endure?

Mr. SABA. It might have lasted—this is all approximate—

Mr. ARENS. I understand.

Mr. SABA. About a year. And then while working on that job, a buddy and myself opened up our own roll shop; and about that time I met my wife, when she came to New York with her girl friend on her vacation.

Mr. ARENS. That was about '44 or '45, thereabouts?

Mr. SABA. About the end of '44. We got married—rather late in '44 and we got married, yes, in '45. I lived in New York for a year and a half.

Mr. ARENS. During your residency in New York City, did you ever attend Camp Beacon in New York?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. SABA. No, I didn't.

(At this point Representative Jackson returned to the hearing room.)

Mr. ARENS. Tell us now, if you please, sir, your next principal employment.

Mr. SABA. I worked in two refrigeration factories in New York, and shops, for about a year and a half, until the middle of '46; and things got slow, so I tried Roanoke.

Mr. ARENS. You tried what?

Mr. SABA. Roanoke. I had visited my wife's home town before and I liked Roanoke, and I felt I would like to work there and I found a job in Roanoke.

Mr. ARENS. Where?

Mr. SABA. With Johnston-Vest Electric Company. I think they treated me very good. Things got very slow, but I didn't expect them to keep me on forever. So that is why we went down to Florida where she had a sister and brother, and I worked down in Florida for about 7 or 8 months. At that time my wife was working.

Mr. ARENS. Where did you work in Florida, please, sir?

Mr. SABA. Around the Miami area.

Mr. ARENS. In what capacity did you work?

Mr. SABA. As refrigerator and air conditioning mechanic.

Mr. ARENS. And you returned to Roanoke?

Mr. SABA. Yes, I did, and I worked—if you want me to continue.

Mr. ARENS. If you please, sir.

Mr. SABA. In Roanoke I worked for the Richardson Company when I came back, in the capacity of refrigerator and air conditioning mechanic for 2 years, and then I joined a pipefitters union.

Mr. ARENS. What was the name of the organization, please, sir?

Mr. SABA. The AFL-CIO; and from there on until last March, I worked out of their jurisdiction. I have been unemployed since March '58.

I want to correct myself on that. I went to Arizona for my health.

Mr. ARENS. Have you ever applied for employment at Radford Arsenal in Radford, Virginia?

Mr. SABA. No, sir. I was afraid of a frame-up.

Mr. ARENS. I beg your pardon?

Mr. SABA. I was afraid of a frame-up.

Mr. ARENS. What do you mean, a frame-up?

Mr. SABA. At that time I noticed in the papers there was a lot of hysteria regarding spies and so on and so forth, so I shied away from any kind of contact with anything that would be of any security risk, and the possibility that some guy who wants a feather in his cap—I am not accusing the Government of anything like that—but I was afraid that some guy, some flunky, might with a feather in his cap, want to put a feather in his cap, would try to frame me and accuse me of spying. So I steered clear, stayed clear of the Radford Arsenal or anything else like that, although it meant unemployment to me.

Mr. ARENS. Are you now, or have you ever been, a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. SABA. I refuse to answer that question for the following reasons: I believe that the conduct of this committee has been contrary to the letter and spirit of the first amendment, which guarantees or is supposed to protect us in our rights regarding freedom of speech and assembly, press, so on and so forth.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you include in that, membership in the Communist Party? Do you think the Constitution of the United States guarantees people the right to join the Communist Party?

Mr. SABA. And I would like to finish the reason why I—

The CHAIRMAN. All right.

Mr. SABA. Refuse to answer this question.

And the Constitution of the Communist Party—I mean of the United States is supposed to guarantee us all freedom; and inasmuch as this committee is coming down here and concentrating on people who are for integration, I feel I should refuse to answer your question on the grounds that it would incriminate me.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, I want the record clear. I happen to have voted for a great deal of civil rights legislation.

The committee is not here to investigate how you feel on integration. The committee is here to investigate testimony, taken under oath, which identifies certain people as having been members of the Communist conspiracy. Let's separate this integration matter and the Communist membership.

The reason you didn't pursue employment with the Federal Government was because of the fact that there had been such testimony relating to your past as would make it impossible for you to be employed with the Federal Government. Isn't this a fact?

Mr. SABA. What is a fact?

Mr. JACKSON. Isn't it a fact that the reason you didn't pursue the Radford Arsenal application was because there were things in your past that would have guaranteed that you couldn't have gotten a job? (The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. SABA. I thought I gave you my reason awhile ago, the reason why I didn't go to the Radford Arsenal and did not apply in any other so-called sensitive job.

The CHAIRMAN. May I ask a question in that connection?

Why didn't you feel that you could qualify for a sensitive job and so forth?

Mr. SABA. The FBI had been snooping around me.

The CHAIRMAN. Oh, and what did they find out? I mean what do you think they found out?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. SABA. Now, how are these questions that you are asking me and expect me to answer them, going to help you frame legislation, Mr. Walter? I don't understand.

The CHAIRMAN. I think we have some ideas, now, and you are developing them very nicely for us.

Mr. SABA. Mr. Walter, I feel very strongly that the oil fields of the United States should be nationalized; and if Rockefeller wants to put me against the wall and shoot me for that, well, I am ready to take the risk. That is why I think——

The CHAIRMAN. There is only one place in the world where that could happen to you and that is behind the Iron Curtain. Go on, Mr. Arens, with the next question.

Mr. ARENS. I have no further questions of this witness.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you have any questions, Governor?

Mr. TUCK. No.

The CHAIRMAN. The witness is excused. We will take a 5-minute recess.

(Members present: Representatives Walter, Willis, Tuck, and Jackson.)

(Brief recess.)

(Members present: Representatives Walter, Willis, Tuck, and Jackson.)

Mr. ARENS. Don West, kindly come forward.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. West, your attorney, Joe Forer, has given us certain information and as a result of it you will be continued under the subpoena although I am not so certain we will get any answers from you anyway.

Mr. WEST. Does that mean that I am excused at this point?

The CHAIRMAN. You are excused at this point.

Mr. WEST. I will be notified later?

The CHAIRMAN. That is right.

Will you call the next witness, Mr. Arens?

Mr. ARENS. Jack Hester, kindly come forward.

The CHAIRMAN. Will you raise your right hand, Mr. Hester?

Do you swear the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. HESTER. I do.

**TESTIMONY OF JOHN E. HESTER, JR., ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSEL,
C. EWBANK TUCKER**

Mr. ARENS. Kindly identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Mr. HESTER. My name is John E. Hester, Jr. I live at 850 East 57th Street, Chicago, Illinois. And I would say my occupation is student at this time.

Mr. ARENS. You are appearing today, Mr. Hester, in response to a subpoena which was served upon you by the House Committee on Un-American Activities?

Mr. HESTER. That is right, sir.

Mr. ARENS. And you are represented by counsel?

Mr. HESTER. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Counsel, kindly identify yourself.

Mr. TUCKER. Bishop C. Ewbank Tucker, member of the Kentucky State Bar.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Hester, are you now, or have you ever been, a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. HESTER. Mr. Arens, at this point I would like to say this: I will answer all questions that I feel do not touch on political beliefs or past associations. On these questions I will refuse to answer, first, because I feel they are an infringement on a person's right to their own beliefs and right to hold opinions of their own choice, and I also would invoke the first and fifth amendments on any such questions.

Mr. ARENS. Would it be convenient for you to raise your voice a little, Mr. Hester?

Mr. HESTER. Surely—and I do so invoke the first and fifth amendments to this question.

Mr. ARENS. Where and when were you born?

Mr. HESTER. April 24, 1932, in Los Angeles County, California.

Mr. ARENS. And give us a word, please, about your education.

Mr. HESTER. I had 8 years of elementary school. The bulk of it was in Kansas City, Kansas. I had 4 years of high school in Omaha, Nebraska. And I have recently started college work in Chicago at one of Chicago's junior colleges.

Mr. ARENS. Have you ever been gainfully employed?

Mr. HESTER. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Where and when, please, sir?

Mr. HESTER. Where should I start? At the very beginning?

Mr. ARENS. With the principal occupation, not incidental occupations as a youngster.

Mr. HESTER. After getting out of high school, I worked for a brief time in Chicago, Illinois, at a truck transfer point. I worked in New York City subsequent to that in 2 or 3 jobs. I guess the first was in a clothing distributive house, Lerner's, and following that in a small factory of people that made baking pans for bakeries. In 1952 I returned to Chicago. I got a job at Armour and Company, a packing-house. I worked there until I was drafted in the latter part of 1952,

and I worked there subsequent to my discharge. They had a considerable lay-off in '56, I believe—the latter part of '56—and whereupon I took up the trade of machinist and worked for, oh, approximately a year as a machine tool operator. And following that I was self-employed here in the South.

MR. ARENS. What was the nature of your self-employment in the South?

MR. HESTER. I worked on a farm and I peddled vegetables in Atlanta, Georgia, up until September of last year.

MR. ARENS. Do you know a man by the name of Don West?

MR. HESTER. As I indicated previously, I would not answer questions that involved associations or political beliefs for the reasons I gave.

MR. ARENS. Have you ever lived at Don West's house here in Georgia?

MR. HESTER. I refuse to answer for the same reasons.

THE CHAIRMAN. Where did you live in Georgia?

MR. HESTER. I lived on a farm near Douglasville, Georgia, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN. Is that the only place you ever lived in Georgia?

MR. HESTER. Yes, sir.

MR. ARENS. I should like to display to you a photograph and ask you if that is a true and correct reproduction of the house that you lived in, in Georgia.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

MR. HESTER. I refuse to answer that for the reasons given previously.

MR. ARENS. I put it to you as a fact, sir, and ask you to affirm or deny the fact, that this is the reproduction of the house of Don West, in which you were living during 1956. If that is not true, please deny it while you are under oath.

MR. HESTER. I refuse to answer under the same reasons that I gave. (Document marked "Hester Exhibit No. 1," and retained in committee files.)

MR. WILLIS. Is Don West a farmer?

MR. HESTER. Are you asking me, sir?

MR. ARENS. Could you answer the question, please?

MR. HESTER. I don't know, sir.

I beg your pardon.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

MR. WILLIS. You talked about peddling vegetables and being a farm boy. Now I just want to know, is Don West a farmer?

MR. HESTER. Mr. Arens, could my last statement be struck from the record?

MR. ARENS. You may qualify it; yes, sir.

MR. HESTER. I would like to strike it.

THE CHAIRMAN. Just a moment. What do you want stricken from the record?

MR. HESTER. The words "I don't know."

THE CHAIRMAN. Why do you want those stricken from the record? Do you know?

MR. HESTER. Because this has to do with associations, as I indicated earlier.

THE CHAIRMAN. You already answered the question. You were asked the question of what his employment was and you said "I don't know."

Mr. HESTER. Precisely, sir, and that is why I want it stricken from the record.

The CHAIRMAN. We are not going to strike it from the record. That is your answer.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know Don West's employment?

Mr. HESTER. Sir, I refuse to answer under the first and fifth amendments.

Mr. ARENS. What activity were you engaged in during 1956 and 1957 in the Greater Atlanta, Georgia, area?

Mr. HESTER. I raised some vegetables and also bought some of the Farmers Market in Atlanta and sold them as other peddlers do in Atlanta.

Mr. ARENS. Did you engage in Communist Party activities during your tenure here, 1956 and '57?

Mr. HESTER. As I indicated previously I would not answer questions that had to do with beliefs or associations.

Mr. ARENS. Let's not talk about beliefs or associations. Let's talk about activities. Did you engage in Communist Party activities here in the Greater Atlanta, Georgia, area in 1956 or 1957?

Mr. HESTER. I refuse to answer for the same reasons.

Mr. ARENS. What course are you taking at the school you are attending in Chicago?

Mr. HESTER. I just started, but I have taken these two, college mathematics and beginning English.

Mr. ARENS. Have you ever been to Dalton, Georgia?

Mr. HESTER. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Was your visit at Dalton, Georgia, in company with Don West?

Mr. HESTER. Sir, I didn't say it was a visit. I say I have been there. I passed through it.

The CHAIRMAN. When you passed through, was Don West with you?

Mr. HESTER. Sir, I invoke the fifth amendment at this point.

Mr. ARENS. Have you been a member of the Labor Youth League?

Mr. HESTER. I refuse to answer for the reasons I gave previously.

Mr. ARENS. Are you now, this minute, a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. HESTER. I refuse to answer for the same reasons.

The CHAIRMAN. You are excused. The committee will be in recess until 10 tomorrow morning.

(Whereupon, at 4 p. m., Tuesday, July 29, 1958, the subcommittee recessed to reconvene at 10 a. m., Wednesday, July 30, 1958.)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION AND ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTH

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 1958

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,
Atlanta, Ga.

PUBLIC HEARING

The subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities met, pursuant to call, at 10 a. m. in the Courtroom, Old Post Office Building, Atlanta, Ga., Honorable Edwin E. Willis (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Committee members present: Representatives Edwin E. Willis, of Louisiana; William M. Tuck, of Virginia; and Donald L. Jackson, of California.

Staff members present: Richard Arens, staff director, and George Williams and Frank Bonora, investigators.

Mr. WILLIS. The subcommittee will please come to order.

Counsel, will you call our first witness?

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Carl Braden, kindly come forward.

Mr. BRADEN. I have two counsel, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. WILLIS. All right. Please raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. BRADEN. I do.

TESTIMONY OF CARL BRADEN, ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSEL, C. EWBANK TUCKER AND JOHN M. COE

Mr. ARENS. Kindly identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Mr. BRADEN. My name is Carl Braden. I live at 4403 Virginia Avenue, in Louisville, Kentucky. I am a worker in the integration movement in the South, having been employed by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., which is southwide interracial organization working to bring about integration, justice, and decency in the South.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Braden, you are appearing today in response to a subpoena that was served upon you by the House Committee on Un-American Activities?

Mr. BRADEN. I am. I was vacationing in Rhode Island when a United States marshal took me off the beach and handed me a subpoena.

Mr. ARENS. And you are represented by counsel?

MR. BRADEN. I am.

MR. ARENS. Counsel, will you kindly identify yourselves?

MR. TUCKER. C. Ewbank Tucker of Louisville, Kentucky; Louisville, Kentucky, member of the Kentucky State Bar.

MR. COE. John M. Coe of Pensacola, Florida, member of the Bar of Florida and the Supreme Court of the United States.

MR. ARENS. In what capacity are you employed, Mr. Braden, with the Southern Conference Educational Fund?

MR. BRADEN. I am employed as field secretary, and I am also associate editor of their newspaper, the Southern Patriot, which is a paper that disseminates information on integration in the South and about the people who are working for integration.

MR. ARENS. How long have you been so employed, please, sir?

MR. BRADEN. A year.

MR. ARENS. And what was your employment immediately prior to your present employment?

MR. BRADEN. I was employed—I was unemployed as a result of harassment and prosecution resulting from my efforts to bring about integration in Louisville, Kentucky.

MR. ARENS. And what was your last principal occupation?

MR. BRADEN. I was a newspaper man, employed as a copy editor by the Louisville Courier-Journal.

MR. ARENS. How long did that employment endure?

MR. BRADEN. I was employed on two different occasions. You mean my entire newspaper career or——

MR. ARENS. Just the highlights, please, sir.

MR. BRADEN. All right. I was a reporter and rewrite man for the Louisville Herald-Post from 1930 to 1936; a reporter and editor for the Cincinnati Inquirer; city editor of the Harlan, Kentucky, Daily Enterprise; labor reporter for the Louisville Times; and then editor for the Courier-Journal, in addition to being editor of several labor newspapers.

MR. ARENS. Would you give us now please just a word about your education?

MR. BRADEN. I studied from 1928 to 1930 for the Catholic priesthood. I might add that I am now a member of the Episcopal Church.

MR. ARENS. When did you complete your formal education?

MR. BRADEN. I did not attend school after 1930.

MR. ARENS. Mr. Braden, I understand you to say you were vacationing in Rhode Island when you were served with the subpoena to appear before this committee, is that correct?

MR. BRADEN. That is right, sir.

MR. ARENS. With whom were you visiting in Rhode Island?

MR. BRADEN. I was visiting Harvey O'Connor.

MR. ARENS. Can you tell us, if you please, sir, what his occupation is?

MR. BRADEN. Harvey O'Connor is a writer.

MR. ARENS. Is he connected with the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee?

MR. BRADEN. He is the chairman of it, the national chairman.

MR. ARENS. And where did you come from to your point in Rhode Island; where was your immediate point of departure before you arrived in Rhode Island?

Mr. BRADEN. Mr. Arens, I believe this is outside the scope of any possible—this is not pertinent to any possible investigation that this committee might be conducting, and I also believe that it is an invasion of my right to associate under the first amendment, and I therefore decline to answer.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest the witness be ordered and directed to answer; and I should like, for the purpose of making the record absolutely clear, to explain to the witness now the pertinency of the question.

Sir, it is our understanding that you are now a Communist, a member of the Communist Party; that you have been identified by reputable, responsible witnesses under oath as a Communist, part of the Communist Party which is a tentacle of the international Communist conspiracy. It is our information further, sir, that you as a Communist have been propagating the Communist activity and the Communist line principally in the South; that you have been masquerading behind a facade of humanitarianism; that you have been masquerading behind a facade of emotional appeal to certain segments of our society; that your purpose, objective, your activities, are designed to further the cause of the international Communist conspiracy in the United States.

Now, there is pending before the Committee on Un-American Activities pursuant to its authority, its duty, and its responsibility legislation. Indeed, the chairman of the Committee on Un-American Activities sometime ago introduced a bill, H. R. 9937, which has numerous provisions which are being considered by the Committee on Un-American Activities. Some of these provisions undertake to tighten the security laws respecting registration of Communists; some of these provisions undertake to tighten the security laws respecting the dissemination of Communist propaganda. Some of these security laws preclude certain types of activities, the very nature of which we understand you have been engaged in.

In addition to that, sir, there is pending before the Committee on Un-American Activities a series of proposals that are not yet incorporated into legislative form, which the committee is considering. In addition to that, the Committee on Un-American Activities has a mandate from the Congress of the United States to maintain a surveillance over the administration and operation of numerous security laws that are presently on the statute books, including the Internal Security Act, the Communist Control Act of 1954, the Foreign Agents Registration Act, espionage and sabotage statutes.

It is for that reason and for these reasons which I have just described to you that this committee has come to Atlanta, Georgia, for the purpose of assembling factual material which the committee can use, in connection with other material which it has assembled, in appraising the administration and operation of the laws and in making a studied judgment upon whether or not the current provisions of the laws are adequate and whether or not each or any of these proposals pending before the committee should be recommended for enactment.

If you, sir, now will tell us, in response to the last outstanding principal question, where you have been immediately prior to your sojourn in Rhode Island with Harvey O'Connor, who has been iden-

tified as a hard-core member of the Communist conspiracy, head of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, and other organizations that have been cited by a congressional committee as Communist fronts.

If you will tell us, sir, now of your activities in this connection, that will add to the fund of knowledge of this committee so that it can more adequately discharge the duties and responsibilities which it has upon it.

Now, Mr. Chairman, on the basis of that explanation of the pertinency of the question which I have posed to this witness, I respectfully suggest that you now order and direct this witness either to answer the question or to invoke his privileges under the fifth amendment against giving testimony which could be used against him in a criminal proceeding.

Mr. WILLIS. I think, sir, that a sufficient foundation has been laid to make the question completely pertinent, and I direct you to answer the question.

Mr. BRADEN. In the first place, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Arens has been grossly misinformed; and it still remains a fact that my beliefs and my associations are none of the business of this committee.

Mr. WILLIS. In other words, you are maintaining your attitude of refusing to answer?

Mr. BRADEN. On the grounds of the first amendment to the United States Constitution, which protects the right of all citizens to practice beliefs and associations, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, and freedom of assembly. On that ground I stand, sir.

While you are investigating, Mr. Arens, you ought to investigate some of the atrocities against the Jews and Negroes in the South, such as the picketing of the Atlanta Journal last Sunday morning.

Mr. ARENS. Now, kindly tell the committee, if you please, sir, are you now, this minute, a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. BRADEN. I stand on my previous position under the first amendment, that such a question has no pertinency to any legislative purpose and it violates my belief.

Mr. WILLIS. Would you kindly defer one second?

Proceed with your next question, Mr. Counsel.

Mr. ARENS. Excuse me just a moment. Mr. Chairman, may we have the reporter read back just the last line or so, so I am thoroughly conversant?

Mr. WILLIS. What was the outstanding question? The outstanding question was: Are you now a member of the Communist Party? If I am not mistaken, the witness refused to answer the question, but did not invoke the privileges against self-incrimination provided in the fifth amendment to the Constitution of the United States. That is correct, is it not?

Mr. BRADEN. And I stated my grounds on the first amendment, on the grounds that the question has no possible pertinency to any legislation.

Mr. ARENS. Yes. I want the record to be absolutely clear, sir, so we do not put this committee in the ludicrous position of a complete, thorough explanation in response to each invocation of alleged lack of pertinency, that the explanation which I gave to you as to the pertinency of the question is understood to be applicable to similar questions which I am intending to propose to you.

Mr. BRADEN. Should I take that up with counsel, or what?

Mr. ARENS. I am just announcing for the record now.

Mr. BRADEN. You are doing this—

Mr. ARENS. If, as, and when this particular proceeding is subject to judicial review, it will be thoroughly understood that the questions which I propose to propound to you today will be geared to the pertinency which I summarily explained to you a few moments ago.

Mr. BRADEN. Is this pertinent insofar as the integration movement is concerned?

Mr. ARENS. Sir, kindly tell us—

Mr. WILLIS. Let the Chair understand the situation. And I think that should be made perfectly clear. I think the question of pertinency of these hearings has been completely explained and is a matter of record. Without repetition, you are now on your guard as to why these questions are being propounded to you, all of them; and let that basis be the general basis for the question.

Now do I understand that you have refused to answer the question as to whether or not you are now a member of the Communist Party solely upon the invocation of the provisions of the first amendment, but that you have not invoked the protection of the fifth amendment to the Constitution. Is that correct?

Mr. BRADEN. That is right, sir. I am standing on the Watkins, Sweezy, Koenigsberg, and other decisions of the United States Supreme Court which protect my right, and the Constitution as they interpret the Constitution of the United States, protecting my right to private belief and association.

Mr. ARENS. And let it be clear also, sir, that I do not propose, nor have I thus far at any time undertaken, to probe any private beliefs. We are interested here solely in your participation in an organization which is controlled by a Godless, atheistic conspiracy, which is sweeping the world and which ultimately threatens, and will threaten, the integrity of this Nation; and if this committee of the United States Congress cannot solicit from a citizen information respecting the operation within the confines of the border of this Godless, atheistic conspiracy, God help this country.

Mr. BRADEN. Are you saying integration is communism like they do in Louisiana?

Mr. ARENS. Now would you kindly tell us whether or not Mrs. Alberta Ahearn, A-h-e-a-r-n, was in error when she took an oath before the Committee on Un-American Activities and testified that while she was a member of the Communist Party she knew you, sir, as a member of the Communist Party? We would like to now afford you an opportunity to deny that identification while you are under oath, sir. Do you care to avail yourself of that opportunity?

Mr. BRADEN. I stand on the same grounds as I stood on before. You are probing into private beliefs and associations, which are protected by the first amendment of the United States. The question has no possible pertinency to any legislative purpose. The mandate of this committee is so vague that nobody knows what you are supposed to be investigating.

Mr. ARENS. We will tell you now, communism and Communists—

Mr. BRADEN. Integration is what you are investigating. All the people subpoenaed here are integrationists.

Mr. JACKSON. Are all of the people subpoenaed here also Communists?

Mr. BRADEN. I leave that to you.

Mr. JACKSON. We are trying to determine that fact; and it would certainly seem that when we have testimony under oath which so identifies witnesses, that there must be some flame with all of the smoke.

Mr. BRADEN. Have any of your witnesses identified the anti-Semite who was picketing the Journal Building Sunday morning, Billy Branam?

Mr. JACKSON. Do you suggest that this committee of the Congress should take over the police powers? Do you suggest if somebody was shot on the street corner in Atlanta—

Mr. BRADEN. That is what you are doing, Mr. Jackson.

Mr. JACKSON. Just a moment—that this committee of Congress, which has no such mandate, should go out and make investigation of that particular form of violence? This is an investigation that is bounded by certain very clear-cut and distinct lines, your definition to the contrary. We are told to investigate the extent and scope of propaganda activities within the United States. That is precisely what we are doing. And when you cast doubt, or attempt to cast doubt, on the relevancy of the question when you are in the position you are to influence public opinion through your writings—and I gather through your writings on behalf of the Communist Party—it is very clearly within the purview of this committee to inquire into those activities. I do not care what you think. I have not the slightest interest in—

Mr. BRADEN. Mr. Arens just asked me—

Mr. JACKSON. Slightest interest in your opinions. I am sure that your opinions would be extremely interesting, but I am not interested in them.

What I am interested in, is what are you doing on behalf of the Communist Party? We are not going to be clouded, so far as I am concerned, by talking about integration and segregation. This committee is not concerned in that. This committee is concerned in what you are doing in behalf of the Communist conspiracy. It may be that your actions parallel, as the chairman said, a very humanitarian thing, a thing which is emotional and a thing in which many of us are in sympathy.

I don't know but what I made as great contribution to civil rights as you have, as a member of the Congress, because I also voted for a great many things, but I voted for them out of American principles, and I have not agitated for them out of any sympathy for the Communist cause.

Mr. BRADEN. Anything I do is done by American principles, Mr. Jackson, and you asked me if I think you should be investigating violence; and I think you should be investigating against Jews and Negroes in the South, the bombing of synagogues, the bombing of Negro homes. That is the kind of thing you should be investigating.

Mr. JACKSON. I suggest that you go before the Congress of the United States and so petition it to change the charge on this committee.

MR. BRADEN. Two hundred Negro leaders in the South petitioned the Congress of the United States last week in connection with this hearing in Atlanta.

MR. JACKSON. After looking at some of the names on this list, the letters went into the circular files of many members, because it was quite obvious that a number of names on that letter were names of those that had been closely associated with the Communist Party. Their interest and major part does not lie with honest integration. Their interest lies with the purposes of the Communist Party. And that is what we are looking into, and let us not be clouding this discussion and this hearing this morning by any more nonsense that we are here as representatives of the United States Government to further, or to destroy, or to have anything to do with, integration. I resent it as an individual member of the Congress.

MR. BRADEN. I think the 200 Negro leaders who signed that statement ought to resent your statement about their political affiliations.

MR. ARENS. Now we would like to display to you a copy of this statement which you have just alluded to, which has been received in many quarters in the United States Congress. Did you prepare that open letter which was signed by a number of people and—

MR. BRADEN. Shall I read it first?

MR. ARENS. Directed to the United States Congress? Did you prepare that letter? Kindly answer the question.

MR. BRADEN. I would like to read the letter, sir.

MR. ARENS. Take your time and read it, yes, sir.

MR. BRADEN. This is an open letter to the United States House of Representatives:

We are informed that the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives is planning to hold hearings in Atlanta, Georgia, at an early date.

As Negroes residing in Southern States and the District of Columbia, all deeply involved in the struggle to secure full and equal rights for our people, we are very much concerned by this development.

We are acutely aware of the fact that there is at the present time a shocking amount of un-American activity in our Southern States. To cite only a few examples, there are the bombings of the homes, schools, and houses of worship of not only Negroes but also of our Jewish citizens: the terror against Negroes in Dawson, Ga.; the continued refusal of boards of registrars in many Southern communities to allow Negroes to register and vote; and the activities of White Citizens Councils encouraging open defiance of the United States Supreme Court.

However, there is nothing in the record of the House Committee on Un-American Activities to indicate that, if it comes South, it will investigate these things. On the contrary, all of its activities in recent years suggest that it is much more interested in harassing and labeling as "subversive" any citizen who is inclined to be liberal or an independent thinker.

For this reason, we are alarmed at the prospect of this committee coming South to follow the lead of Senator Eastland, as well as several state investigating committees, in trying to attach the "subversive" label to any liberal white Southerner who dares to raise his voice in support of our democratic ideals.

It was recently pointed out by four Negro leaders who met with President Eisenhower that one of our great needs in the South is to build lines of communication between Negro and white Southerners. Many people in the South are seeking to do this. But if white people who support integration are labeled "subversive" by congressional committees, terror is spread among our white citizens and it becomes increasingly difficult to find white people who are willing to support our efforts for full citizenship. Southerners, white and Negro, who strive today for full democracy must work at best against tremendous odds. They need the support of every agency of our Federal Government. It is unthinkable that they should instead be harassed by committees of the United States Congress.

We therefore urge you to use your influence to see that the House Committee on Un-American Activities stays out of the South—unless it can be persuaded to come to our region to help defend us against those subversives who oppose our Supreme Court, our Federal policy of civil rights for all, and our American ideals of equality and brotherhood.

This letter is dated July 22, 1958, which is the day that my subpoena was dated in Washington, D. C., by Congressman Francis Walter. There it is.

Mr. ARENS. Now would you kindly answer just 2 questions with reference to this letter? Question number 1 is: What did you, an identified member of the Communist Party, have to do with this letter?

Mr. BRADEN. I will have to stand on my first amendment rights for private beliefs and association on the grounds that the question has no possible pertinency to any legislation.

Mr. ARENS. Now question number 2—

Mr. WILLIS. I think you should be more specific and ask him did he prepare it.

Mr. ARENS. Did you prepare the letter, Mr. Braden?

Mr. WILLIS. Or have anything to do with its preparation?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. BRADEN. I will have to stand again on the first amendment, the vagueness of the mandate of the committee, and the pertinency of the investigation and the legislative—

Mr. WILLIS. The Chair wants to make this statement for the record: Of course, let me assure you that this committee is not in accord with your alleged grounds as the basis for refusing to answer these questions.

On the contrary, we take a different view. You have 2 counsel, and I know you realize why I am making this clear. You have your choice. You may allow your counsel to confer with you. We think a basis has been made; we are quite familiar, I assure you, with the decisions to which you refer. And I want to make the record perfectly clear.

Mr. BRADEN. Yes, sir.

Mr. WILLIS. I think you understand the position of this committee.

Mr. BRADEN. Yes, sir, I do. And I hope you understand my position.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, I want to join the chairman in his statement. I, too, am not satisfied with the reason he gives for declining to answer the question. I think the record should show very affirmatively that there is an instance of communication signed by a number of individuals and addressed to Members of the Congress of the United States.

There is a very strong possibility that that letter was prepared by a Communist; and it points up one of the things that this committee has been trying to put across, that well-meaning people pursuing a very worthwhile goal are very frequently not sufficiently advised as to what they are doing when they lend their names to various petitions, letters, and so forth. A very strong likelihood exists—and we cannot know because of the refusal of the witness to answer whether he prepared this letter—but a strong likelihood exists that the letter in question was prepared under Communist direction; that those who signed it signed a document which was prepared by the Communist Party for their own purposes.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BRADEN. I am sure the people who signed the letter will appreciate those aspersions, Mr. Jackson.

Mr. JACKSON. The people who did what?

Mr. BRADEN. The people who signed the letter, I am sure, will appreciate the aspersions on their intelligence.

Mr. JACKSON. If they will pay a little more attention to what they are doing and have a little less concern about some of the other non-important things, I think everyone concerned will get along a lot better.

Mr. BRADEN. I think that would be true of the committee.

Mr. JACKSON. I still say that the attribution on the letterhead appears that it has been prepared by a Communist organization that has been cited.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that the entire document that I displayed to the witness be appropriately marked and incorporated by reference in the record.

Mr. WILLIS. Let the document be so incorporated.

(Document marked "Braden Exhibit No. 1," and retained in committee files.)

Mr. BRADEN. Will that include the signers, Mr. Chairman, the names of the signers also?

Mr. ARENS. Now, Mr. Braden, please tell the committee when you were last here in the Atlanta area pursuant to your work.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. BRADEN. I am trying to think exactly when it was, sir. The latter part of May.

Mr. ARENS. Of this year?

Mr. BRADEN. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Were you here pursuant to the official assignment which you have as a field organizer or field secretary, as it were, of the Southern Conference Educational Fund?

Mr. BRADEN. Yes, sir. I travel all over the South in the interest of integration.

Mr. ARENS. And where did you hold your meeting here in May?

Mr. BRADEN. Did you ask me about a meeting?

Mr. ARENS. Did you have a meeting here in May?

Mr. BRADEN. Again I will have to stand on the first amendment on the grounds that this is an invasion of private belief and association; that the question has no possible pertinency to any possible legislative purpose; and that the mandate establishing this committee is too vague for anybody to know what you are investigating.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I hope and expect and am relying upon the request that I made that the explanation of pertinency which I gave at the outset of this interrogation carries over with reference to each of these principal questions.

Mr. BRADEN. That is understood, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Were you in the Atlanta area in December of 1957?

Mr. BRADEN. I beg your pardon, sir?

Mr. ARENS. Were you in the Atlanta area in December of 1957?

Mr. BRADEN. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. And did you participate in a meeting here at that time?

Mr. BRADEN. Again the first amendment; same grounds, sir. Do I have to repeat it each time, or is it understood each time?

Mr. WILLIS. Well, it is understood that you are referring to the first amendment.

Mr. BRADEN. The challenging of the pertinency of the question, challenging the mandate of the committee, and my rights under the first amendment.

Mr. ARENS. Then, Mr. Chairman, if there is to be an understanding on this record that there is, in response to each of these principal questions, a challenge to the pertinency of the question, I respectfully suggest and request that the record likewise in each instance, unless otherwise directed by the chairman, show a direction to the witness to answer the question.

Mr. WILLIS. Yes. In order to establish the basis for any proceeding that might conceivably be instituted, do you understand that you are ordered to answer these questions, meaning that the committee disagrees with your position and is insisting upon pertinency? Do we understand that?

Mr. BRADEN. Yes. I understand, and I disagree with the committee, and I will understand that you are directing me to answer each question in order to expedite the matter so that we will not be wasting the committee's time and everybody else's time on this.

Mr. ARENS. I will not, however, be precluded—

Mr. WILLIS. Let me suggest this: I think our budget for national defense is something like, oh, \$38 to \$40 billion per year. And I think we all know that the troublemakers are the masters of the Kremlin—Communist conspiracy, worldwide I am talking about—and here the representatives of the people in Congress feel compelled to spend the taxpayers' money, this huge sum. And to indicate what a billion dollars is, it comes to my mind that, as a matter of arithmetic, a billion minutes have not ticked or gone by since the birth of Christ, and we are spending almost \$40 billion a year to fight this very thing to defend ourselves.

Now, sir, you are placing yourself in a position of saying that Congress has no right to inquire into the Communist conspiracy in America.

Next question.

Mr. BRADEN. I am not saying you have no business at that. I am just saying your mandate is so vague that nobody knows what you have a right to investigate, and the Supreme Court has indicated—

Mr. WILLIS. You will be surprised how familiar we are with the decisions.

Mr. BRADEN. The Watkins—

Mr. WILLIS. That is all right. Proceed.

Mr. ARENS. Now, Mr. Chairman, I should like, notwithstanding the general direction that the explanation of pertinency carries over to the principal questions, to add a brief explanation with reference to the question which I intend to propound in just a moment.

Before this committee, Mr. Braden, a day or so ago, Mr. Armando Penha took an oath and testified respecting Communist Party techniques—Mr. Penha was in the Communist conspiratorial operation in this country at the behest of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and he served there for 8 years. In the course of his testimony yesterday he said, in effect on this issue, that the comrades are under a directive to penetrate non-Communist organizations, fine, patriotic, humanitarian organizations for the purpose of worming their way in, to further the Communist objectives.

I am now going to display to you, sir, some photographs, showing you and your wife entering the American Red Cross Building in Atlanta, December of 1957, at which time it is our understanding you were a participant in sessions there. We should like to have you, first of all, look at these photographs and tell the committee whether or not they are true and correct reproductions of your physical features as you were entering the American Red Cross in December of 1957, a fine, humanitarian, patriotic organization.

Mr. BRADEN. Before we get to that, Mr. Arens, you said that Mr. Penha made some statements there.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest the witness be ordered and directed to answer the question. This record is crystal clear if I ever saw one.

Mr. BRADEN. Mr. Chairman, the man made a lot of statements.

Mr. ARENS. I do not think the committee needs to be harassed or haggled with by an identified Communist.

Mr. WILLIS. Answer the question.

Mr. ARENS. Now, sir, kindly answer the question.

Mr. BRADEN. Shall I take these pictures one by one?

Mr. ARENS. Kindly tell us whether or not these pictures are a true and correct reproduction of yourself and your wife entering the American Red Cross Building in December of 1957.

Mr. BRADEN. While we are at it, my wife is not here, so I guess I can identify all of us, let's see. This is a picture of me and James A. Dombrowski, executive secretary of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, and Mrs. Anne Braden, myself and Aubrey W. Williams, publisher of the Southern Farm and Home, who was director of the National Youth Administration under Franklin D. Roosevelt, one of the many liberal white Southerners in the South who has been under attack for his position on integration.

While we are on the question of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Mr. Chairman, since I think we—

Mr. WILLIS. Please do not—

Mr. ARENS. I respectfully suggest, Mr. Chairman, the witness now be ordered and directed to answer this particular question.

Mr. BRADEN. I did answer it. I said what the picture showed.

Mr. ARENS. You did not, sir. Do those pictures fairly and honestly and accurately represent you and your wife as you were entering the American Red Cross in December of 1957?

Mr. BRADEN. These are pictures taken from a building across the street, apparently by persons spying on the board of the Southern Conference Educational Fund which met at the American Red Cross Building here in Atlanta last December 15. This is a common technique for harassing liberals in the South.

Mr. ARENS. Now, did the Southern Conference Educational Fund meet in the American Red Cross Building in December of 1957?

Mr. BRADEN. It is a matter of public record that they did, and you probably have a copy of the board meetings—

Mr. ARENS. Excuse me. Who solicited the quarters to be made available to the Southern Conference Educational Fund?

Mr. BRADEN. I will have to stand on my previous refusal to answer on the same grounds, first amendment and so forth.

Mr. ARENS. Did you participate in the session?

Mr. BRADEN. Same grounds.

Mr. ARENS. The record is clear, is it not, Mr. Chairman and counsel to the witness, that in response to each of these refusals to answer, the Chair has given a direction and there has been an appropriate explanation of the pertinency?

I see you nod your head. The reporter cannot get a yes from your nod.

Mr. BRADEN. I understand. My counsel and I understand that.

Mr. ARENS. Now, sir, are you connected with the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee?

Mr. BRADEN. Same ground.

Mr. WILLIS. You mean you refuse to answer on the same ground?

Mr. BRADEN. Yes, sir. I refuse to answer on the same ground. It being, you know—do we have to go through it each time or will it be understood, sir?

Mr. ARENS. Was your association with Harvey O'Connor, an identified Communist, in Rhode Island in furtherance of the work of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee?

Mr. BRADEN. I was on vacation in Rhode Island, Mr. Arens, and you sent a subpoena up there and took me off my vacation where it was cool and brought me down here in Atlanta where it is 90 degrees.

Mr. JACKSON. It is just as hot for the committee, I might add.

Mr. BRADEN. You can always go back to Washington.

Mr. JACKSON. That is not much improvement.

Mr. ARENS. Now kindly answer the question. Did you and Harvey O'Connor, in the course of your conferences there in Rhode Island, develop plans and strategies outlining work schedules for the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee?

Mr. BRADEN. Same answer on the same grounds, Mr. Chairman; same refusal to answer on the same ground.

Mr. ARENS. Now, in addition to the letter attacking this committee—and we are used to it—by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, have you, as a field representative or field organizer of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, promoted, stimulated, political pressure, or attempted political pressure, on the United States Congress with reference to security measures pending in the Congress?

Mr. BRADEN. I am afraid the question is too vague for an answer, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. ARENS. I will be specific then, sir. I will display, if you please, sir, a photostatic reproduction of a letter on the letterhead of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, signed Carl and Anne Braden, field secretaries.

Mr. BRADEN. May we have it read into the record?

Mr. ARENS. I am going to display it to you—in which, among other things, the recipient of the letter, "Dear Friend," is asked to write their Senators and Congressmen to oppose S. 654, S. 2646, and H. R. 977, all of which are security measures pending in the United States Congress.

Kindly tell this committee while you are under oath, sir, whether or not that photostatic reproduction of that letter is true and correct and valid.

Mr. BRADEN. I will have to read it first.

"Dear Friend"—

Mr. WILLIS. After you read it—are you going to just read it, or will you answer the question as to whether you signed it or not, if it proves—

Mr. BRADEN. It will indicate from the letter that I signed it, I think, I mean whether I did or not. If it is a letter I wrote, it is bound to have my name on it.

Dear Friend:

We are writing to you because of your interest in the Kentucky "sedition" cases, which were thrown out of court on the basis of a Supreme Court decision declaring state sedition laws inoperative.

There are now pending in both houses of Congress bills that would nullify this decision. We understand there is real danger that these bills will pass.

We are especially concerned about this because we know from our own experience how such laws can be used against people working to bring about integration in the South. Most of these state statutes are broad and loosely worded, and to the officials of many of our Southern states integration *is* sedition. You can imagine what may happen if every little local prosecutor in the South is turned loose with a state sedition law.

It is small comfort to realize that such cases would probably eventually be thrown out by the Supreme Court. Before such a case reaches the Supreme Court, the human beings involved have spent several years of their lives fighting off the attack, their time and talents have been diverted from the positive struggle for integration, and money needed for that struggle has been spent in a defensive battle.

It should also be pointed out that these bills to validate state sedition laws are only a part of a sweeping attack on the U. S. Supreme Court. The real and ultimate target is the court decisions outlawing segregation. Won't you write your two senators and your congressman asking them to oppose S. 654, S. 2646, and H. R. 977. Also ask them to stand firm against all efforts to curb the Supreme Court. It is important that you write—and get others to write—immediately as the bills may come up at any time.

Cordially yours,

CARL AND ANNE BRADEN.

Mr. ARENS. Did you sign that letter?

Mr. BRADEN. Our signature is on the letter.

Mr. ARENS. Were you a member of the Communist Party the instant you affixed your signature to that letter?

Mr. BRADEN. I refuse to answer on the same ground previously stated, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman—

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Braden, are you connected in any way with the Southern Newsletter?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. ARENS. I might explain to you. We had a man who has been identified as a Communist—

Mr. BRADEN. Who is that?

Mr. ARENS. Eugene Feldman—who lives in Chicago, Illinois. He is the editor of the Southern Newsletter. We had him before the committee yesterday, at which time we displayed to him the application for a post office box made on behalf of the Southern Newsletter, a publication which is developed in Chicago, which is sent to a post office box in Louisville, Kentucky, and then mailed out over the South. I would just like to ask you whether or not you, being a resident of Louisville, Kentucky, have anything to do there with the Southern Newsletter?

Mr. BRADEN. I think you are now invading freedom of the press, Mr. Arens and Mr. Chairman. I object to your invasion of the free-

dom of the press, and I also decline to answer the question on the same grounds. You are not only attacking integrationists, you are attacking the press.

Mr. ARENS. We have no further questions, if you please, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. WILLIS. Any questions, Governor?

Mr. TUCK. I have no questions.

Mr. JACKSON. I would say anyone who labors under the delusion that the Communist press is anything close to free is certainly making a very serious mistake.

However, I think, Mr. Counsel, with reference to the letter sent out by the Southern Conference Educational Fund and signed by a number of individuals, there may conceivably be some of those who signed the letter who did not realize that it was sponsored by a Communist front. For that reason I think, in all fairness, that those who might desire, if there are any who might desire, to withdraw their names from that letter before it becomes a part of the official archives of our Committee on Un-American Activities should be given opportunity to do so on request of the committee.

Mr. BRADEN. Mr. Chairman, since he made charges against—

Mr. WILLIS. He is not making charges. He is making a statement for the record.

Mr. BRADEN. Southern Conference being a Communist front.

Mr. JACKSON. I am told the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Committee on Judiciary of the United States Senate has so characterized it.

Mr. BRADEN. I think we ought to be allowed to introduce in evidence a brochure showing what the Southern Conference Educational Fund is about. Give decency a chance in the South.

Mr. ARENS. In view of the distinguished Congressman's observation on the Southern Conference Educational Fund, the organization which has been cited as a Communist front with which this man has a connection as an identified Communist is the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. The Southern Conference Educational Fund itself is, for all practical purposes, the successor organization to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, which itself had been cited as a Communist front. The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee ran an investigation of the Southern Conference Educational Fund—and I say in passing that I happen to have been identified with the Internal Security Subcommittee at that time and did the interrogating of the witnesses.

The report of the Internal Security Subcommittee with reference to the Southern Conference Educational Fund concludes substantially as follows—this is not an exact quotation; it is only from memory—that an objective appraisal from the record compels the conclusion that the Southern Conference Educational Fund is, for all practical purposes, operating under the same leadership and for the same objectives as the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

Mr. BRADEN. May we have the record show, then, Mr. Chairman, that the Southern Conference Educational Fund was not specifically listed as he said—

Mr. JACKSON. Very well, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BRADEN. Originally.

Mr. ARENS. That is one of the purposes why we wanted to interrogate you, because you are an identified Communist by a reliable, responsible witness who placed her liberty on the line and said, "While I was in the Communist Party, I knew him, to a certainty, as a member of the Communist Party conspiracy." That is you. You are now the field representative in this committee. We may desire eventually to consider a citation of the Southern Conference Educational Fund on the basis of the information which we are now and elsewhere developing.

Mr. TUCKER. Mr. Chairman, could I make a statement?

Mr. WILLIS. No, you may not, Counsel for the witness.

Mr. TUCKER. Not in connection with this at all.

Mr. WILLIS. Well, you might talk to the committee counsel. You are not being examined. You are only a lawyer here.

The committee will stand in recess for 10 minutes.

(Members present: Representatives Willis, Tuck, and Jackson.)

(A brief recess was taken.)

(Subcommittee members present: Edwin E. Willis, presiding, William M. Tuck, and Donald L. Jackson.)

Mr. WILLIS. The subcommittee will please come to order.

Counsel will call his next witness.

Mr. ARENS. Frank Wilkinson, kindly come forward.

Mr. WILLIS. Please raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. WILKINSON. I do.

TESTIMONY OF FRANK WILKINSON

Mr. ARENS. Kindly identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Mr. WILKINSON. My name is Frank Wilkinson.

Mr. ARENS. And your residence, please, sir?

Mr. WILKINSON. As a matter of conscience and personal responsibility, I refuse to answer any questions of this committee.

Mr. ARENS. And your occupation, please, sir?

Mr. WILKINSON. As a matter of personal conscience and responsibility, I refuse to answer any questions of this committee.

Mr. ARENS. You are appearing today in response to a subpoena that was served upon you by the House Committee on Un-American Activities?

Mr. WILKINSON. I am.

Mr. ARENS. And you are not represented by counsel?

Mr. WILKINSON. I am not.

Mr. ARENS. You know you have the privilege of counsel?

Mr. WILKINSON. I do.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Wilkinson, are you now a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. WILKINSON. As a matter of conscience and personal responsibility, I refuse to answer any questions of this committee.

Mr. ARENS. Now, sir, I should like to make an explanation to you of the reasons, the pertinency, and the relevancy of that question and certain other questions which I propose to propound to you; and I do

so for the purpose of laying a foundation upon which I will then request the chairman of this subcommittee to order and direct you to answer those questions.

The Committee on Un-American Activities has two major responsibilities which it is undertaking to perform here in Atlanta.

Responsibility number 1, is to maintain a continuing surveillance over the administration and operation of a number of our internal security laws. In order to discharge that responsibility the Committee on Un-American Activities must undertake to keep abreast of techniques of Communists' operations in the United States and Communist activities in the United States. In order to know about Communist activities and Communist techniques, we have got to know who the Communists are and what they are doing.

Responsibility number 2, is to develop factual information which will assist the Committee on Un-American Activities in appraising legislative proposals before the committee.

There are pending before the committee a number of legislative proposals which undertake to more adequately cope with the Communist Party and the Communist conspiratorial operations in the United States. H. R. 9937 is one of those. Other proposals are pending before the committee not in legislative form yet, but in the form of suggestions that there be an outright outlawry of the Communist Party; secondly, that there be registrations required of certain activities of Communists; third, that there be certain amendments to the Foreign Agents Registration Act because this Congress of the United States has found repeatedly that the Communist Party and Communists in the United States are only instrumentalities of a Kremlin-controlled world Communist apparatus. Similar proposals are pending before this committee.

Now with reference to pertinency of this question to your own factual situation, may I say that it is the information of this committee that you now are a hard-core member of the Communist Party; that you were designated by the Communist Party for the purpose of creating and manipulating certain organizations, including the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, the affiliate organizations of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, including a particular committee in California and a particular committee in Chicago, a committee—the name of which is along the line of the committee for cultural freedom, or something of that kind. I don't have the name before me at the instant.

It is the information of the committee or the suggestion of the committee that in anticipation of the hearings here in Atlanta, Georgia, you were sent to this area by the Communist Party for the purpose of developing a hostile sentiment to this committee and to its work for the purpose of undertaking to bring pressure upon the United States Congress to preclude these particular hearings. Indeed it is the fact that you were not even subpoenaed for these particular hearings until we learned that you were in town for that very purpose and that you were not subpoenaed to appear before this committee until you had actually registered in the hotel here in Atlanta.

Now, sir, if you will tell this committee whether or not, while you are under oath, you are now a Communist, we intend to pursue that area of inquiry and undertake to solicit from you information respect-

ing your activities as a Communist on behalf of the Communist Party, which is tied up directly with the Kremlin; your activities from the standpoint of propaganda; your activities from the standpoint of undertaking to destroy the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Committee on Un-American Activities, because indeed this committee issued a report entitled "Operation Abolition," in which we told something, the information we then possessed, respecting the efforts of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, of which you are the guiding light, to destroy the F. B. I. and discredit the director of the F. B. I. and to undertake to hamstring the work of this Committee on Un-American Activities.

So if you will answer that principal question, I intend to pursue the other questions with you to solicit information which would be of interest—which will be of vital necessity, indeed—to this committee in undertaking to develop legislation to protect the United States of America under whose flag you, sir, have protection.

Now please answer the question: Are you now a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. WILKINSON. I am refusing to answer any questions of this committee.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest now that the record reflect an order and direction of the chairman to the witness to answer this question.

Mr. WILLIS. I will so order, but before doing so I want to add this remark about pending legislation.

There is a bill pending right now before the Congress. We have held hearings on it just a couple of weeks ago on the question of the organizational features of the Communist conspiracy. Specifically the Supreme Court, in what is popularly referred to as the Yates Case, held that the Communist Party must be regarded as having been organized in 1945 and that automatically thereby all prosecutions for organizational features have been destroyed and no more prosecution is possible.

We take the position that what happened in 1945 was a reconstruction of the party, rather than an organization of it; that it had been organized years before. And we received evidence yesterday along the lines of the present techniques in connection with new organizational efforts; and among other reasons for pertinency of these hearings, would be the development of information which we feel you have, sir, that you could shed light on the current methods of organizing or regrouping or reconstructing of the party and subdivisions thereof.

I make that plain to you because it is necessary under the decision that that be done. It is necessary that we set forth for the record a description of the pertinency of the hearings, which has been done by counsel, and I have tried to implement it. And then it is necessary for us to warn you that we disagree with your position as a basis for possible contempt proceedings.

Now, thus far, your position is simply that you will not have anything to say to this committee. You are not represented by counsel. I tell you that it would be better for you, as a matter of protection of your own rights, if you fear that what we develop through you might tend to incriminate you that you would have the right to invoke

the privilege of the fifth amendment if you honestly fear that the answers to the questions propounded to you would tend to incriminate you. But you are not doing that, sir. You are simply, point blank, taking the position of obvious contempt for this committee and its purposes. You have not invoked any constitutional provision that you could invoke if you honestly fear that to testify here would get you in criminal trouble.

So having explained that to you, I now order and direct you to answer the question.

Mr. WILKINSON. I challenge, in the most fundamental sense, the legality of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. It is my opinion that this committee stands in direct violation by its mandate and by its practices of the first amendment to the United States Constitution. It is my belief that Congress had no authority to establish this committee in the first instance, nor to instruct it with the mandate which it has.

I have the utmost respect for the broad powers which the Congress of the United States must have to carry on its investigations for legislative purposes. However, the United States Supreme Court has held that, broad as these powers may be, the Congress cannot investigate into an area where it cannot legislate, and this committee tends, by its mandate and by its practices, to investigate into precisely those areas of free speech, religion, peaceful association and assembly, and the press, wherein it cannot legislate and therefore it cannot investigate.

I am, therefore, refusing to answer any questions of this committee.

Mr. WILLIS. Proceed, Mr. Arens.

Mr. ARENS. I should like, if you please, sir, to read you some testimony taken under oath in Los Angeles, California, on December 7, 1956, in which a witness Anita Schneider was testifying. Mrs. Schneider had been, in the course of previous testimony, testifying about an organization known as the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms. Mrs. Schneider gave a response which precipitated this question from myself:

Was it Communist controlled?

A. Yes.

Q. Who was the ringleader in that organization?

A. I didn't work in that organization and I don't know who the ringleader was. My contact on that occasion was with Frank Wilkinson, I believe.

Q. Did you know him as a Communist?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you any further information with reference to those two documents to which you are now alluding?

A. Yes. Mr. Wilkinson asked me to start a similar organization or branch of that organization in the San Diego area. He said that he would give me a list of professional people—teachers, doctors, and lawyers—in the San Diego area and that I should contact them in an attempt to set up such a committee in San Diego.

And I skip a paragraph which is not germane to this particular subject matter. Then she continues:

When I discussed this with Frank Wilkinson in Los Angeles, I said that since I wasn't a professional person, at that time I wasn't active publicly, that perhaps it might be better to have someone else head it.

Mr. Wilkinson, was Mrs. Schneider telling the truth when she took an oath before this committee and testified that she knew you as a Communist?

Mr. WILKINSON. I am refusing to answer questions.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know Mrs. Anita Schneider?

Mr. WILLIS. I think I should order him to answer that question.

Mr. ARENS. If you will please, sir; yes, sir. And I respectfully suggest, Mr. Chairman, that the record reflect the intention of myself that the explanation of pertinency and relevancy which I previously gave is applicable to the particular question which is now outstanding.

Mr. WILKINSON. I refuse to answer any questions of this committee on the grounds which I have stated previously.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Wilkinson, where were you when you were subpoenaed to appear before the Committee on Un-American Activities in this particular session?

Mr. WILKINSON. I am refusing to answer questions.

Mr. ARENS. I should like, if you please, sir, to display to you a photostatic reproduction of the registration at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, of yourself and one Dr. James A. Dombrowski, obviously registered together on July 23. This bears in handwriting the name "Frank Wilkinson; Street, 421-7th Avenue, New York City 27, New York; Business firm, Emergency Civil Liberties Committee; Street, same. I plan to check out in a week. Room No. 253," I believe.

Kindly look at that photostatic reproduction of your registration on July 23 here in Atlanta and tell this committee, while you are under oath please, sir, whether or not that is a true and correct reproduction of the registration as you filled it out on July 23 at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. WILLIS. He has asked you to identify the document, the registration.

Mr. ARENS. I beg your pardon, sir.

Mr. WILLIS. I am explaining to him——

Mr. ARENS. Excuse me.

Mr. WILLIS. —that you asked him to identify the registration document.

Mr. ARENS. I asked him to look at it and tell whether or not it is a true and correct reproduction of the form as he filled it out at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, on July 23, 1958.

Would you kindly answer the question?

Mr. WILLIS. Do you understand the question?

Mr. WILKINSON. I am refusing to answer any questions of this committee.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest, so that this record may be abundantly clear, that the explanation of pertinency previously given be related into this particular question on our record and that there be an order and direction to this witness to answer the question.

Mr. WILLIS. You are ordered to answer the question.

Mr. WILKINSON. I refuse to answer any questions of this committee on the grounds of my initial answer. The House Committee on Un-American Activities stands in direct violation of the first amendment to the United States Constitution.

Mr. ARENS. Now, Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that the document which was obtained by subpoena by this committee from the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel be appropriately marked and incorporated by reference in this record.

Mr. WILLIS. It will be so marked and incorporated.

(Document marked "Wilkinson Exhibit No. 1," and retained in committee files.)

Mr. ARENS. Now I should like to display to you, Mr. Witness, another document. It is a photostatic reproduction of some telephone calls made by Frank Wilkinson over the course of a number of days, beginning on July 23, 1958, from the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel—a number of long distance telephone calls. At least there are long distance telephone calls on this.

I should like to display this document to you and ask you whether or not you made the calls to the places indicated in the document at the time revealed by the document.

Mr. WILKINSON. I am answering no questions.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that this document which was obtained by subpoena from the Committee on Un-American Activities served upon the officials of the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel be incorporated by reference in the record.

Mr. WILLIS. Let it be incorporated.

(Document marked "Wilkinson Exhibit No. 2," and retained in committee files.)

Mr. ARENS. And that the witness now be ordered and directed to answer the question and that the record reflect at this point the explanation of pertinency and the powers and duties and responsibilities of this committee.

Mr. WILLIS. You are so ordered.

Mr. WILKINSON. I refuse to answer any questions of this committee on the grounds of my initial refusal.

Mr. ARENS. Are you now the principal driving force, the leader, of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee?

Mr. WILKINSON. I refuse to answer any questions.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that the record again reflect an order and direction to this witness to answer the question and that the record at this point reflect the explanation of pertinency and relevancy, the powers and duties of this committee as previously developed in the record.

Mr. WILLIS. You are so ordered.

Mr. WILKINSON. I refuse to answer any questions of this committee on the grounds of my initial answer. The mandate of the House Committee on Un-American Activities stands in direct violation of the first amendment to the United States Constitution.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, so that the record may be absolutely clear. The witness has made reference to the first amendment. It is not clear to me whether or not the witness intends or is invoking the provisions of the first amendment in his declination to answer the questions.

Mr. WILKINSON. My initial answer stands as my answer.

Mr. JACKSON. No. I am not at all satisfied with it. It might well be that the reference to the first amendment might conceivably be interpreted as relying upon the first amendment, where the witness has not specifically indicated that he is so relying, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. WILLIS. And you are asking him if he is relying on the first amendment to the Constitution as a basis for his refusal to answer these questions?

Mr. JACKSON. That was the purport of my question.

Mr. WILKINSON. My initial answer is my answer.

Mr. JACKSON. What again, if you will please, for the record, was your original and initial answer?

Mr. WILKINSON. My initial answer is my answer.

Mr. JACKSON. I think this point should be clarified at some stage during the proceedings, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that the return of the United States marshal showing the time and place of service of the subpoena upon Frank Wilkinson at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel be incorporated by reference in this record.

Mr. WILLIS. It will be so incorporated.

(Document marked "Wilkinson Exhibit No. 3," and retained in committee files.)

Mr. ARENS. Now, sir, I put it to you as a fact and ask you to affirm or deny the fact that you are part of an enterprise to destroy the very Constitution of the United States under which we all have protection; that you are the agent of the Communist Party as an arm of the international Communist conspiracy sent into Atlanta for the purpose of engaging in conspiratorial activities on behalf of the Communist Party. If that is not so, deny it while you are under oath.

Mr. WILKINSON. I am answering no questions of this committee.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that will conclude the staff interrogation of this witness.

Mr. TUCK. I have no questions.

Mr. WILLIS. I want to pursue a little, for a moment, the questions asked by the gentleman from California. And I wish you would understand sir, that the idea in his mind, as in mine, is that the record will reflect, as much for your protection as for the benefit of the committee, the basis for your refusal to answer these questions.

You have not made it abundantly clear whether you are invoking the protection of the first amendment upon a feeling on your part that you want to personally rely, and it is a personal matter to you, on that amendment as a basis for refusal or whether your reference to the amendment is, let us say, philosophical conversation or some other ideas you might have in mind.

Will you not please try to clarify that point for us?

Mr. WILKINSON. My answer is my answer.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, let the record show I am not satisfied with that answer.

Mr. WILLIS. I think the part and parcel of the whole record is a reflection of an attitude on the part of the witness which is obvious I think to everyone.

Mr. ARENS. We have no further questions of this witness, Mr. Chairman. We have another witness.

Mr. WILLIS. You are excused.

Proceed, Mr. Arens.

Mr. ARENS. Madge Spurny Cole kindly come forward.

Kindly remain standing while the chairman administers an oath to you.

Mr. WILLIS. Kindly raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God.

Mrs. COLE. I do swear.

**TESTIMONY OF MADGE SPURNY COLE, ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSEL,
JOSEPH FORER**

Mr. ARENS. Kindly identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Mrs. COLE. My name is Madge Spurny—

Mr. WILLIS. A little louder, please.

Mrs. COLE. My name is Madge Spurny Cole. My residence is 1204 Homeland Avenue, Greensboro, North Carolina. My occupation is a textile worker.

Mr. ARENS. You are appearing today, Mrs. Cole, in response to a subpoena which was served upon you by the House Committee on Un-American Activities?

Mrs. COLE. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. And you are represented by counsel?

Mrs. COLE. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Counsel, kindly identify yourself.

Mr. FORER. Joseph Forer, Washington, D. C.

Mr. ARENS. Where are you employed, Mrs. Cole?

Mrs. COLE. I am employed at the Cone Mills at Greensboro, North Carolina.

Mr. ARENS. How long have you been so employed?

Mrs. COLE. It is approximately 2 years. I am not too clear on the exact dates.

Mr. ARENS. In what capacity?

Mrs. COLE. At present I am a spare hand in a spinning department.

Mr. ARENS. What was your employment immediately prior to your present employment?

Mrs. COLE. Prior to my present employment I was employed as a waitress.

Mr. ARENS. Over what period of time, please?

Mrs. COLE. Oh, about a year and a half, probably.

Mr. ARENS. Where were you born?

Mrs. COLE. I was born in New York State.

Mr. ARENS. Where in New York State?

Mrs. COLE. In a small town called Springfield Center.

Mr. ARENS. And would you kindly tell us a word about your formal education?

Mrs. COLE. I attended grammar school and high school in this town—I believe the name is the Springfield Center School—and graduated. Then I attended Cornell University in New York and received a bachelor of arts degree. Then—

Mr. ARENS. Excuse me. When did you receive this Bachelor of Arts degree?

Mrs. COLE. Again I will have to say my dates on these are approximate. Possibly 1945, but I am not positive.

Mr. ARENS. Did that complete your formal education?

Mrs. COLE. No, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Kindly tell us about any other formal education which you have had.

Mrs. COLE. I did graduate work at Syracuse University in New York.

Mr. ARENS. And in what field did you pursue the graduate work?

Mrs. COLE. In Science Education.

Mr. ARENS. Did you receive a graduate degree of some kind?

Mrs. COLE. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. What degree did you receive?

Mrs. COLE. A master's, and I am not exactly right on this title. Master's degree in Science Education.

Mr. ARENS. When did you receive this master's degree?

Mrs. COLE. Possibly in 1946 or '47.

Mr. ARENS. Did that complete your formal education?

Mrs. COLE. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. What was your first principal employment after you received your master's degree?

Mrs. COLE. All during my academic education it was necessary for me to work, and I have had numerous odd jobs all during my college education.

Mr. ARENS. Yes. After you received your master's degree from Syracuse University, what was your principal employment?

Mrs. COLE. I went to work. I did odd jobs.

Mr. ARENS. Where, please?

Mrs. COLE. I worked as a waitress. I was sort of at loose ends at that point. I worked as a waitress in Boston and then I worked some in New York.

Mr. ARENS. And your next employment?

Mrs. COLE. My next employment was in a textile mill in Durham, North Carolina.

Mr. ARENS. What textile mill was that?

Mrs. COLE. That was the Erwin Mills.

Mr. ARENS. And when was that employment?

Mrs. COLE. Again let me just make this clear that all of these dates—

Mr. ARENS. We understand they are approximates.

Mrs. COLE. '49, or '48 to '49 to possibly '51.

Mr. ARENS. And in what capacity?

Mrs. COLE. As an inspector.

Mr. ARENS. How long did that employment endure?

Mrs. COLE. About 2 years or a little more.

Mr. ARENS. And your next employment?

Mrs. COLE. I had several odd jobs but my principal employment was hosiery mill.

Mr. ARENS. Where was that?

Mrs. COLE. In Durham.

Mr. ARENS. And in what capacity?

Mrs. COLE. As—it was a form of inspector. I think it was called a mattern.

Mr. ARENS. How long did that employment last?

Mrs. COLE. Approximately 2 years.

Mr. ARENS. And your next employment?

Mrs. COLE. My next major employment was as a waitress in a Howard Johnson restaurant.

Mr. ARENS. How long did that last, please?

Mrs. COLE. About a year, and a little more.

Mr. ARENS. What was your next employment?

Mrs. COLE. Then I came to Greensboro, North Carolina, and became employed at the Cone Mills.

Mr. ARENS. And has that employment endured without interruption since?

Mrs. COLE. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. When did you begin your employment at the Cone Mills, 2 years ago, you say?

Mrs. COLE. Yes, sir, around some time in '56.

Mr. ARENS. Did you make application for employment at the Cone Mills?

Mrs. COLE. Yes, sir, I did.

Mr. ARENS. Did you fill out an application form?

Mrs. COLE. Yes, I think I did.

Mr. ARENS. Do you think you would recognize the document which I now display to you, a photostatic reproduction of the employment application? Please look at that document which I have now displayed to you and tell us whether or not that is a true and correct reproduction of the application which you filed at the Cone Mills, some 2 years ago, for employment.

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mr. FORER. What is the question?

Mrs. COLE. Repeat the question, please.

Mr. ARENS. The question is, is the document which is presently before you a true and correct reproduction of the application which you filled out for employment at the Cone Mills?

Mrs. COLE. To the best of my ability to say—

Mr. ARENS. You will observe here in this document where the form calls for education, that you tell about your high school education at Springfield Central High. Do you see that, here on this application form, where you tell about your high school education?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. COLE. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Did you put on the application form there about your college education and your Master's degree?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. COLE. I don't see it there.

Mr. ARENS. Did you put it on there?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. COLE. I think I already stated that I didn't see it there.

Mr. ARENS. Did you tell them about your college degree and your master's degree in these various courses which you took?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mr. FORER. Would you mind clarifying that question, Mr. Arens? Did you tell who took—we weren't in the conversation.

Mr. ARENS. Did you tell the people at Cone Mills where you were applying for the job?

Mrs. COLE. They wouldn't ask any more.

Mr. ARENS. Did you tell them whether or not you were a college graduate and had, in addition to a college graduate degree, a master's degree?

Mrs. COLE. Would you repeat that question?

Mr. FORER. Excuse me.

Mr. ARENS. Would the reporter kindly read the question.

And counsel is advised, please, sir, that you know your sole and exclusive prerogative is to advise your clients as to constitutional rights.

Mr. FORER. Yesterday the chairman of the subcommittee assured me, Mr. Willis—the chairman of the subcommittee, Mr. Walter, assured me yesterday he would not permit the photographs to be taken while the witness was testifying. It looks to me that that rule is being violated.

(The reporter read from his notes as requested.)

Mr. WILLIS. The rule will be obeyed. There will be no pictures taken.

Mrs. COLE. I am sorry. I still haven't heard the question read.

(The reporter read from his notes again as requested.)

Mrs. COLE. They didn't ask me and I didn't tell them.

(Document marked "Cole Exhibit No. 1" and retained in committee files.)

Mr. ARENS. Were you a Communist Party colonizer in these various textile plants at which you told us you have been employed?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. COLE. Would you please explain—define your characterization there. I don't know what you mean.

Mr. ARENS. Perhaps I can help you a little bit.

The gentleman seated here to my right, a former FBI undercover agent in the Communist Party, explained on the record yesterday that he had served in the Communist Party in the United States for some 8 years, and during the course of his service in the Communist Party he rose within the ranks of the conspiracy to where he had become a member of the National Textile Commission of the Communist Party. He explained yesterday that the Textile Commission of the Communist Party was developing a program of penetration into the South to follow the textile mills which have been moved, many from the New England States, and which are developing in the South. He explained that, as part of this program, he as a member of the Textile Commission of the Communist Party was in contact with a number of people of high education and training in the conspiracy who were going into the textile mills for the purpose of carrying on Communist Party underground activity. These people he characterized as colonizers.

Now, with that explanation tell us whether or not you were a colonizer.

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. COLE. Well, I am still not quite clear on your explanation.

Mr. ARENS. Maybe it would help you still further——

Mr. FORER. Maybe if I may——

Mr. ARENS. We are running these proceedings, Counsel.

Now I ask you whether or not you have ever been in conversation with, or whether or not you know, the gentleman seated at the right here whom I have identified, in my colloquy with you, as a former undercover agent of the FBI—do you know this gentleman seated here?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. COLE. Mr. Chairman, may I ask you something?

Mr. WILLIS. There is a pending question. The immediate question is, Do you know the gentleman to whom counsel just referred?

Mrs. COLE. He asked several questions. Which do you prefer?

Mr. WILLIS. You have been begging the questions, and we tried to make them simple for you.

The outstanding question I now direct you to answer is the last one on record. Would you repeat that question, Counsel?

Mrs. COLE. What is it?

Mr. ARENS. Do you know the gentleman seated to my right here, whom I have identified as the person who testified yesterday, as a former undercover agent of the FBI in the Communist Party? Do you know this gentleman?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. COLE. Well, first I would like to say that you inferred something about my work there, that——

Mr. WILLIS. That is not the outstanding question. The question is a simple question.

Mrs. COLE. I would like to say that——

Mr. WILLIS. The simple question——

Mrs. COLE. A textile worker because——

Mr. WILLIS. Do you know this gentleman?

Mrs. COLE. I became a textile worker because a textile worker is a little better pay, I think, than some other jobs. Now, you——

Mr. JACKSON. The witness is deliberately avoiding an answer to the question.

Mr. WILLIS. I know, and counsel knows that his client is violating the rule and probably jumping right into contempt proceedings.

Mrs. COLE. I would like to answer the other question if I may. There is so much interference here.

Mr. WILLIS. The simple question that I now order you to answer is the last question propounded by the counsel.

Mrs. COLE. Would you please repeat it?

Mr. WILLIS. And it will be the last repetition. Let the record speak for itself from here on as to that question with regard to your demeanor here and your standing before the committee and the Congress it represents.

Mrs. COLE. Will you please repeat it finally, sir?

Mr. WILLIS. And I now order you to listen. At least I admonish you to listen and I order you to answer it.

Mrs. COLE. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know the gentleman seated here to my immediate right, Mr. Armando Penha, who testified yesterday before this committee?

Mrs. COLE. I am going to have to refuse to answer that question on the basis of my rights under the first amendment, and because I do not consider the question pertinent to a legislative purpose and also on the basis of my privilege under the fifth amendment.

Mr. WILLIS. All right.

Mr. ARENS. Now, on the privilege under the fifth amendment, do you honestly apprehend that if you told this committee, while you are under oath, whether or not you know the gentleman seated here, Mr. Armando Penha, you would be supplying information which might be used against you in a criminal proceeding?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. COLE. It is possible.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Penha testified yesterday that while he was an undercover agent in the Communist Party, he knew you as a Communist Party colonizer. That is a pretty serious charge to bring against anyone, because we all know the Communist Party is part and parcel of an international conspiracy.

We would like to give you now an opportunity to deny while you are under oath, if a denial is in order, the testimony of Mr. Penha insofar as it is applicable to yourself. Do you care to avail yourself of that opportunity?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. COLE. I am sorry, but I don't know what you mean.

Mr. ARENS. Was Mr. Penha telling the truth or was he in error when he identified you under oath as a person known by him to be a Communist Party colonizer?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. COLE. Well, I will have to say again I am not clear on what is a Communist Party colonizer, and the only reason I went into the textile work is to make a living. I think it makes a better living than a white-collar job, better paying.

Mr. ARENS. Were you—excuse me.

Mrs. COLE. Go ahead.

Mr. ARENS. The witness hasn't answered the question, Mr. Chairman.

The question is was Armando Penha telling the truth yesterday when he took an oath before this committee and said that while he was an undercover agent of the FBI, he knew you as a Communist.

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mr. FORER. That wasn't the question.

Mr. WILLIS. He is asking you to make it more simple. That was exactly in my mind. Now, let us get down to brass tacks and we will ask it in a simpler way.

The question is: Did this gentleman yesterday when he was under oath, and when if lying could be prosecuted, did he tell the truth or did he lie when he said he knew you to be a Communist?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. COLE. Now, I refuse to answer on the same basis as previously.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Penha, would you kindly stand up and come forward?

TESTIMONY OF ARMANDO PENHA—Resumed

Mr. ARENS. You have previously been sworn on this record, Mr. Penha?

Mr. PENHA. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. You recognize that if you make a deliberate misstatement of a material fact while under oath to this committee, you will be prosecuted for perjury, do you not?

Mr. PENHA. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Do you see in the courtroom here in Atlanta today a person, Madge Spurny, whom you have identified on this record as a Communist?

Mr. PENHA. I do, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Would you kindly indicate her presence to the committee?

Mr. PENHA. She is sitting right there at present.

Mr. ARENS. Was she known by you, to a certainty, to have been during the period of your service in the Communist Party a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. PENHA. Absolutely, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Was she known by you, to a certainty, to have been a Communist Party colonizer?

Mr. PENHA. Absolutely, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Is there any doubt in your mind on the basis of your background and experience in the Communist Party conspiracy but what this witness herself knows what we mean and what you mean by the term "colonizer"?

Mr. PENHA. There is no doubt in my mind.

I might add that if anyone in the southern area can give instructions on colonization she is one. She is an expert.

TESTIMONY OF MADGE SPURNY COLE—Resumed

Mr. ARENS. Now, Mrs. Cole, would you kindly look to your left at this gentleman—look him in the face so there will be no accusation of the faceless informant, and the like—and tell this committee, while you are under oath, whether or not he is telling the truth.

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. COLE. I refuse to answer on the previous basis.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that will conclude the staff interrogation of this witness.

Mr. WILLIS. Are there any questions?

Mr. TUCK. I have no questions.

Mr. JACKSON. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

I think it must occur to everyone who has heard this testimony, as it does occur to me, that it is very strange indeed that a woman of culture and education, holding a B. A. from Cornell University, who did graduate work at Syracuse University in Science Education, who holds a Master's degree in Scientific Education, would wind up in a job such as the one that she occupies. I note on the application—

Mrs. COLE. Is that such a bad job?

Mr. JACKSON. Pardon?

Mrs. COLE. Is that such a bad job? There are a lot of spinners in this area.

Mr. JACKSON. I have not worked in a mill. I do not know. I have nothing against the job.

Mrs. COLE. It is a very respectable job and very high job and well-paid job, and I am out to be a spinner.

Mr. JACKSON. Why did you in filling out your application for employment at the Cone Mills Corporation and in answer to Question 15 on the application which asks, "What do you know about working in a textile mill," answer in longhand, and I presume that is your answer, "Nothing"? However, in your preliminary testimony before this subcommittee you testified that you had previously been employed as an inspector in a textile mill. Is it not a fact that this was not your first employment in a textile mill?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. COLE. Is that your question?

Mr. JACKSON. Yes. Had you previously been employed in a textile mill?

Mrs. COLE. I think I already stated that.

Mr. JACKSON. However, on your application you state that you knew nothing of working in a textile mill. What was the purpose for covering up your previous employment?

(The witness conferred with her counsel.)

Mrs. COLE. Honestly, I don't remember.

Mr. JACKSON. I think that if there was any question in the mind of anyone respecting Mr. Penha's testimony as to the extent of the web of Communist infiltration, the deliberate effort to infiltrate, no more characteristic case could be brought to the attention of the people here, or anywhere else in the United States, than that of the witness this morning.

That is all I have, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. WILLIS. I might say this: that she feigned lack of knowledge on the definition of a colonizer. Judging from our experience in the past and similar testimony we have gathered in these hearings, she certainly typifies what is commonly known as a colonizer, if she doesn't know what a colonizer is.

Any questions?

Mr. TUCK. I have none.

Mr. WILLIS. The witness is excused.

Mrs. COLE. I resent those last remarks. I am a respected person in the community, married into an old textile family, and because my academic education seems to be something, is it impossible for a textile worker to be educated?

Mr. WILLIS. Not at all. Not at all.

Mrs. COLE. I think that is the whole point here.

Mr. WILLIS. I was a farm boy. I am proud of it.

Mrs. COLE. You might say—

Mr. WILLIS. But I answer questions about communism.

Mr. JACKSON. May I say the only unique thing about it is when an agent of the FBI in the Communist Party testifies that, in addition to being well educated, in addition to being related to an old textile family, and in addition to liking the work, you are also a colonizer for the Communist Party. That is what we are interested in.

Mr. FORER. Mr. Jackson, I thought you were conducting an investigation for the purpose of getting information for legislation.

Mr. WILLIS. Counsel knows the rules.

Mr. FORER. And not making speeches against my client here.

Mr. WILLIS. The committee will stand in recess until 2 o'clock.

(Committee members present: Representatives Willis, Tuck, and Jackson.)

(Whereupon, at 12 noon, the subcommittee recessed to reconvene at 2 p. m. the same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION, WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 1958

Mr. WILLIS. The subcommittee will please come to order.

(Subcommittee members present: Representatives Willis, Tuck, and Jackson.)

Mr. WILLIS. Counsel, will you call your next witness?

Mr. ARENS. William Robertson, please come forward.

Please remain standing while the chairman administers an oath to you.

Mr. WILLIS. Please raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. ROBERTSON. I do.

**TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM JOSEPH ROBERTSON III, ACCOMPANIED
BY COUNSEL, JOSEPH FORER**

Mr. ARENS. Kindly identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Mr. ROBERTSON. My name is William Joseph Robertson III. I live at 1439 North Hutchinson Street, Chicago, Ill., and I am a writer.

Mr. ARENS. You are appearing here today, Mr. Robertson, in response to a subpoena which was served upon you by the House Committee on Un-American Activities?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Yes, sir; I am.

Mr. ARENS. And you are represented by counsel?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Counsel, kindly identify yourself.

Mr. FORER. Joseph Forer, Washington, D. C.

Mr. ARENS. Where are you employed?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Book Production Industries, Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. ARENS. Give us just a word of description of the nature of the Book Production Industries.

Mr. ROBERTSON. Well, sir, I write scientific articles.

Mr. ARENS. Where and when were you born?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Richmond, Virginia, June 24, 1922.

Mr. ARENS. And a word about your education, please, sir.

Mr. ROBERTSON. I am a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

Mr. ARENS. When did you graduate?

Mr. ROBERTSON. In 1948.

Mr. ARENS. Did that complete your formal education?

Mr. ROBERTSON. I took some graduate courses after I received my degree.

Mr. ARENS. Where?

Mr. ROBERTSON. At the University of North Carolina.

Mr. ARENS. When did you complete your graduate courses?

Mr. ROBERTSON. In the summer of 1949.

Mr. ARENS. And what courses did you pursue?

Mr. ROBERTSON. English and history.

Mr. ARENS. Were you then a resident of North Carolina?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Yes, sir, I was.

Mr. ARENS. When did you move from Virginia?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. ROBERTSON. I attended Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, for 2 years before entering the United States Army; I enlisted in the United States Army. After serving for over

3 years, in 1945 I was honorably discharged and returned to my family, which at that time was living in Savannah, Georgia. From there I entered the University of North Carolina. I trust that that will satisfy.

Mr. ARENS. Did you have a commission in the United States Army?

Mr. ROBERTSON. No, sir, I did not.

Mr. ARENS. Where did you serve?

Mr. ROBERTSON. I served in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines Islands.

Mr. ARENS. What was your first principal employment after you concluded your formal education?

Mr. ROBERTSON. I would say my first principal employment, of which I am very, very proud, was that of a union organizer with the Food, Tobacco, and Agricultural Workers in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Mr. ARENS. And where did you organize for the Food, Tobacco, and Agricultural Workers in Winston-Salem? What plants, please, sir?

Mr. ROBERTSON. R. J. Reynolds, Camel Cigarettes.

Mr. ARENS. Who was your immediate superior?

Mr. ROBERTSON. I actually forget the name.

Mr. ARENS. Over what period of time did you engage in this activity, please, sir?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Oh, for approximately 4 or 5 months.

Mr. ARENS. And your next principal employment, please, sir?

Mr. ROBERTSON. My next principal employment was with the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corporation of Durham, North Carolina.

Mr. ARENS. How long did that employment last?

Mr. ROBERTSON. About 2 months, very rough work.

Mr. ARENS. And your next employment, please, sir?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Golden Belt Cotton Mill, a subsidiary of the American Tobacco trust.

Mr. ARENS. Where?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Durham, North Carolina.

Mr. ARENS. And in what capacity?

Mr. ROBERTSON. As a sweeper.

Mr. ARENS. How long?

Mr. ROBERTSON. In the carding department, the dirtiest department in the mill.

Mr. ARENS. How long did that employment last?

Mr. ROBERTSON. For approximately 3 years.

Mr. ARENS. And your next employment, please?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Sheet metal worker.

Mr. ARENS. And when did that employment begin?

Mr. ROBERTSON. That began within a month after leaving the Golden Belt Cotton Mill.

Mr. ARENS. Where?

Mr. ROBERTSON. I do not remember exactly the name. I believe it was a Carolina air-conditioning corporation. I am not—

Mr. ARENS. How long did that employment last?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Oh, about 4 or 5 months.

Mr. ARENS. And your next employment?

Mr. ROBERTSON. I worked for the Laws Sign Company.

Mr. ARENS. Where?

Mr. ROBERTSON. In Durham, North Carolina, and surrounding areas.

Mr. ARENS. In what capacity?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Assistant in putting up neon signs and taking down neon signs.

Mr. ARENS. How long did that last?

Mr. ROBERTSON. That lasted about a month or so.

Mr. ARENS. And your next employment?

Mr. ROBERTSON. I worked at the Cone Mills.

Mr. ARENS. Where?

Mr. ROBERTSON. In Greensboro, North Carolina.

Mr. ARENS. In what capacity?

Mr. ROBERTSON. As a bobbin boy.

Mr. ARENS. How long?

Mr. ROBERTSON. About 2 months. These are estimates, you understand. I may be incorrect about the exact time.

Mr. ARENS. And your next employment?

Mr. ROBERTSON. In Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. ARENS. In what capacity?

Mr. ROBERTSON. I had 2 capacities there. One was as a—just a moment.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. ROBERTSON. Well, I worked there in 2 capacities. I worked in putting materials together, rubber materials together, to use in steel mills and I also worked as a rubber grinder.

Mr. ARENS. Where?

Mr. ROBERTSON. This was—there again the name of the plant I do not recollect. Perhaps you gentlemen—

Mr. ARENS. What year was it, please, sir?

Mr. ROBERTSON. This was 1955.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir. And your next employment?

Mr. ROBERTSON. My next employment was at Augustana Hospital.

Mr. ARENS. Where?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Augustana Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. ARENS. For what period of time were you employed there and in what capacity, please, sir?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Oh, 6 weeks to 2 months. I was an orderly in a surgical ward.

Mr. ARENS. And your next employment?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Mr. ARENS. Where?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. ARENS. How long did that employment endure?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Approximately 9 months.

Mr. ARENS. And what did you do there?

Mr. ROBERTSON. I served as a messenger boy and then I served in the Bureau of Information, helping to answer queries from readers of Popular Mechanics Magazine on various subjects.

Mr. ARENS. And your next employment, please, sir?

Mr. ROBERTSON. I worked for Cargill, Incorporated, a grain exchange on South LaSalle Street in Chicago.

Mr. ARENS. In what capacity?

Mr. ROBERTSON. As a supervisor in the telegraph room.

Mr. ARENS. Your next employment?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Book Production Industries, Incorporated.

Mr. ARENS. Did you ever make application for employment at Erwin Mills?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Yes, sir, I have.

Mr. ARENS. When did you make that application for employment?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. ROBERTSON. I don't remember exactly but I believe it was in the fall of 1954.

Mr. ARENS. Would it have been the fall of 1955?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Wait a minute. My dates are mixed up. This is 1958. It may have been the fall of 1955. That would have changed some of these dates, by the way.

Mr. ARENS. We understand. You are just relying on your best recollection on these dates.

Mr. ROBERTSON. That is right.

Mr. ARENS. And all of us are a little fuzzy sometimes on dates.

Mr. ROBERTSON. That is right.

Mr. ARENS. I should like to display to you, if you please, sir, a reproduction of an application form of the Erwin Mills, Incorporated, entitled "application for employment" dated 11-21-55, full name William Joseph Robertson, Jr.

Kindly look at that application form and tell this committee whether or not that is a true and correct reproduction of the application form filed by yourself with the Erwin Mills at Durham, North Carolina.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. ROBERTSON. Yes, sir, that looks familiar.

Mr. ARENS. Kindly look under that section of the application where educational background is alluded to—education.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. ARENS. Did you put on the application form the truth, the full truth, respecting your educational background?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. ROBERTSON. Well, cotton-mill owners don't like their employees to be too well educated. It makes it difficult for them. So, knowing this situation in the minds of the employers, naturally I wasn't going to make it more difficult for myself to get a job.

Mr. ARENS. Kindly answer the question. Did you tell your prospective employers the truth and the whole truth respecting your educational background?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Of course not. I was a worker looking for a job.

Mr. ARENS. Thank you, sir.

(Document marked "Robertson Exhibit No. 1" and retained in committee files.)

Mr. ARENS. When you worked at the Cone Mills did you happen to know a lady by the name of Madge Spurny Cole?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. ROBERTSON. This question appears to be the sort of question that the Watkins decision had in mind. The Watkins decision was directed against the Un-American Activities Committee hearing.

Mr. ARENS. Kindly answer the question. When you were working at the Cone Mills in North Carolina, did you know a person by the name of Madge Spurny or Madge Spurny Cole, as her married name presently is?

Mr. ROBERTSON. This question is in violation of my rights under Article I of the Bill of Rights.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that the witness be ordered and directed to answer the question; and as a foundation I want now to explain to the witness, as I have done before for other witnesses, the pertinency of the question and its relevancy.

This committee is undertaking to develop factual information respecting the administration and operation of certain anti-Communist legislation which is on the books and to assemble information which will enable it to appraise legislative proposals pending before it.

Among those legislative proposals is H. R. 9937, a series of suggestions, prospective provisions of the law to cope with Communists and Communist activities.

Madge Spurny was interrogated this morning by this committee. She had been identified yesterday by a live responsible witness under oath as a person known to have been a member of the Communist Party. You, sir, have likewise been identified as a Communist and as a Communist colonizer.

This committee is here in Atlanta for the purpose of developing factual information respecting Communist techniques, principally Communist techniques and colonization in the South.

If you will tell us whether or not you know, or did know, Madge Spurny at the Cone Mills, I then propose to pursue the subject matter further by interrogating you with respect to Madge Spurny's activities, as current as possible, as a Communist colonizer, if you possess such information; so that that information will then be available to the Committee on Un-American Activities in its appraisal of pending legislation and in its appraisal of the operation and administration of the existing security laws.

Now, sir, kindly answer the question. When you were engaged in Cone Mills did you know a person by the name of Madge Spurny?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Sir, that question is in violation of my rights under Article I of the Bill of Rights as reinforced by the Watkins decision. In addition, it has no relevance to any legitimate legislation; and, furthermore, I wish to utilize my rights under Article V of the Bill of Rights as reinforced by the Watkins decision.

Mr. ARENS. Which provision of Article V of the Bill of Rights are you invoking?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. ROBERTSON. My privilege not to be a witness against myself.

Mr. ARENS. Do you honestly apprehend, sir, that if you told this committee truthfully, while you were under oath, whether or not you knew Madge Spurny while you were employed at the Cone Mills, you would be supplying information which might be used against you in a criminal proceeding?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. ROBERTSON. It is possible.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know a person, or have you known a person, by the name of Charles Childs?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. ROBERTSON. I refuse to answer that question on the same grounds, as being in violation of Article I of the Bill of Rights, which provides freedom of speech and assembly and association.

Mr. ARENS. Are you invoking those provisions of—

Mr. ROBERTSON. And furthermore I wish to emphasize to this committee that these rights and the Bill of Rights have been emphasized by the Watkins decision.

The Watkins decision deals precisely with the activities of this committee and it is emphasized very strongly the manner in which this committee has carried on its investigations as being in violation of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Mr. ARENS. Of course you are in error in your appraisal of the Watkins case and in the status and activities of this committee. We are letting you unwind this way because that is the typical Commie line, and we are glad to listen to it, because we hear it numerous times.

Mr. ROBERTSON. Is it typical Communist line, sir, to defend the Constitution of America?

Mr. ARENS. Are you, sir, this moment, a member of the conspiratorial organization which has as its ultimate objective the overthrow of the Constitution of the United States?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. ROBERTSON. Of course not. I am a loyal American.

Mr. ARENS. Are you now, this moment, a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. ROBERTSON. I am a loyal American. My people have been colonizers—you like this word so much—they have been colonizers from the very beginning and foundation of this country.

Mr. ARENS. Tell this committee while you are under oath, are you now a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. ROBERTSON. I am a loyal American.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman—

Mr. ROBERTSON. I love my country.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest the witness be ordered and directed to answer the question whether or not he is now a member of the Communist Party, or else invoke his rights under the fifth amendment not to give information against himself that could be used against him in a criminal proceeding.

Mr. ROBERTSON. I wish to invoke my rights under the various articles of the Bill of Rights, including the first amendment and the fifth amendment.

Mr. ARENS. A former undercover agent of the FBI, Mr. Armando Penha, testified that you were not just a colonizer, coming on the *Mayflower*, or a descendant of those who came on the *Mayflower* as colonizers, but that you were a Communist colonizer.

Mr. ROBERTSON. Don't speak so loud, sir. It is intimidating.

Mr. ARENS. I beg your pardon. I don't want to intimidate you.

Mr. ROBERTSON. I think these whole proceedings are an intimidation to all witnesses.

Mr. ARENS. Your use of the word intimidation has reached the point of exasperation, which I think any loyal red-blooded American might well appreciate.

Now, sir, Mr. Penha, a former undercover agent of the FBI, testified before this committee, laid his liberty on the line, and said while he was an undercover agent of the FBI in the Communist conspiracy he knew you as a Communist colonizer, active in colonizing in the South.

We would like to give you now an opportunity, while you are under oath, in view of your assertion of your patriotism and your loyalty to this country, to deny that while you are under oath.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. ARENS. Do you as one who has asserted his patriotism and loyalty, care to stand up like a red-blooded American and deny that you are, or have been in the recent past, a Communist colonizer?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. ROBERTSON. No, sir; I don't care to. I am a loyal American.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that will conclude the staff interrogation of this witness.

Mr. WILLIS. Are there any questions?

Mr. TUCK. I have no questions.

Mr. JACKSON. I have no questions, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. WILLIS. The witness will be excused.

Call your next witness.

Mr. ARENS. The next witness, if you please, Mr. Chairman, will be William Matthews.

Kindly come forward.

Mr. WILLIS. Please raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I do.

TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM MATTHEWS

Mr. ARENS. Kindly identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Mr. MATTHEWS. My name is William Matthews, and I live at 2082 Union Street in Brooklyn, New York, and I work for a camera manufacturer.

Mr. ARENS. You are appearing today in response to a subpoena which was served upon you by the House Committee on Un-American Activities?

Mr. MATTHEWS. That is true.

Mr. ARENS. You do not have counsel?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I do not.

Mr. ARENS. You understand under the rules of this committee you have the privilege of counsel?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I can't afford it.

Mr. ARENS. We shall advise you as we proceed of your constitutional rights, sir.

Mr. MATTHEWS. Thank you.

Mr. ARENS. Do you want counsel?

Mr. MATTHEWS. If the committee will pay for counsel, I would like to have counsel.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that the committee consider a recess of this particular witness' interrogation until tomorrow, with a request to the local Bar Association that one of their number volunteer his services, as a service to the Committee on Un-American Activities in our cause, to consult with this young man and advise him of his constitutional rights and that the subpoena of this

witness, or his appearance pursuant to the subpoena, be carried forward until tomorrow morning.

Mr. TUCK. I move that that suggestion be followed, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. JACKSON. I think it is an excellent suggestion, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. WILLIS. The suggestion is very willingly accorded.

Mr. ARENS. I personally would have to say I don't know just how to proceed from here, Mr. Chairman. It is the first time I have had the pleasure of visiting in Atlanta, and I assume the other members of the committee are in about the same situation, but we will try our best in the course of the next few hours to contact the local Bar Association and undertake to solicit from them the designation of a reputable lawyer to confer with this young man and to sit with him tomorrow if he so desires.

Mr. WILLIS. That will be done.

Mr. MATTHEWS. Thank you.

Mr. ARENS. Are you ready, Mr. Chairman, for the next witness?

Mr. WILLIS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. The next witness, if you please, Mr. Chairman, will be Mr. Karl Korstad.

Mr. WILLIS. Please raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. KORSTAD. I do.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, may I make a comment or observation with respect to the ruling of the Chair and the committee a moment ago?

The young man who was just sworn a few moments ago, William Matthews, will stay in touch with Mr. Frank Bonora here, of this staff. We are already in process of trying to contact the local Bar Association. If he will let Mr. Bonora, seated at my right, know of his availability, I am reasonably sure, hopefully sure, at least, a lawyer will be made available to him.

Mr. WILLIS. Do you understand that, young man?

Mr. MATTHEWS. Yes, sir.

TESTIMONY OF KARL R. KORSTAD, ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSEL, JOSEPH FORER

Mr. ARENS. Kindly identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Mr. KORSTAD. My name is Karl Korstad. I live at 5000 High Point Road, Greensboro, North Carolina. I own and operate a landscape gardening business there.

Mr. ARENS. You are appearing today, Mr. Korstad, in response to a subpoena which was served upon you by the House Committee on Un-American Activities?

Mr. KORSTAD. Yes, I am.

Mr. ARENS. You are represented by counsel?

Mr. KORSTAD. Yes, I am.

Mr. ARENS. Counsel, kindly identify yourself.

Mr. FORER. Joseph Forer, Washington, D. C.

Mr. ARENS. Would you kindly spell your name for us, Mr. Korstad?

Mr. KORSTAD. Glad to. First name is Karl, K-a-r-l, not "C." You spell it with a "K." Middle initial, "R." Please use that. And the last name is Korstad, K-o-r-s-t-a-d.

Mr. ARENS. When and where were you born?

Mr. KORSTAD. In Deep River Falls, Minnesota, May 19, 1915.

Mr. ARENS. And a word about your education, please, sir.

Mr. KORSTAD. I graduated from high school in 1931. I went to Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, graduated with an A. B. in 1935. I taught high school for 2 years. I went to Syracuse, took a Master's in English there in 1937—1938, I guess it was.

Mr. ARENS. Where was the Master's in English, please?

Mr. KORSTAD. In Syracuse University, in the English Department. I taught at the University until June of 1942, when I was drafted into the Army. I served in the service for three and a half years, in the Army Medical Corps, doing public relations and special service work in a general hospital.

Mr. ARENS. Where?

Mr. KORSTAD. In Charleston, South Carolina.

Mr. ARENS. And after your discharge from the Army, please tell us of your occupations.

Mr. KORSTAD. I went to work for the Food and Tobacco Workers Union.

Mr. ARENS. Where, please, sir?

Mr. KORSTAD. First in Washington.

Mr. ARENS. Washington, D. C.?

Mr. KORSTAD. Yes, sir. I organized a committee there to raise funds for a group of women who were members of that union who were on a strike in Charleston.

Mr. ARENS. Excuse me a moment, please, sir.

Mr. KORSTAD. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. What was your job with the Food and Tobacco Workers in Washington?

Mr. KORSTAD. That is what I was telling you. That is what I was telling you.

Mr. ARENS. Proceed. I beg your pardon. I didn't understand you.

Mr. KORSTAD. I helped organize a committee there, which was made up of Congressmen, Senators, and other people, to help raise funds for a group of women who were on strike.

Mr. ARENS. What year was that?

Mr. KORSTAD. That was in—

Mr. ARENS. Was it '46?

Mr. KORSTAD. '45 or '46. I am not exactly sure.

Mr. ARENS. Were you then an employee of the Food and Tobacco group?

Mr. KORSTAD. They asked me if I would do this and they offered to pay my expenses if I would.

Mr. ARENS. Who are "they"?

Mr. KORSTAD. The leaders of the union, people who worked in the union.

Mr. ARENS. Who? Who was your—

Mr. KORSTAD. I think the man's name was Larry Larson. I think he was an organizer for the union. In that particular situation he talked to me about it.

Mr. ARENS. Did you know him before?

Mr. KORSTAD. No. I was interested in them when I was in the Army in Charleston. They had gone on strike. I was interested. I was interested in them as the newspaper—

Mr. ARENS. How long did you work in promoting this enterprise in Washington, D. C.?

Mr. KORSTAD. Until the strike was over; about 2 months.

Mr. ARENS. When was that?

Mr. KORSTAD. About 2 months.

Mr. ARENS. And your next employment?

Mr. KORSTAD. I went to work for the union. I was working for that union until 1951.

Mr. ARENS. In what capacity?

Mr. KORSTAD. I worked as business agent. I worked as regional director of the union and worked as an organizer.

Mr. ARENS. Where were the various assignments that you discharged?

Mr. KORSTAD. I worked in Memphis, Tennessee, as business agent. I worked in Raleigh as a regional director covering all of the southeastern States except Georgia. And I worked in Winston-Salem helping on about a 3-year organizing drive, an unsuccessful one, against the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Mr. ARENS. When were your services with the Food and Tobacco Workers terminated?

Mr. KORSTAD. In, I think, about November of 1951. The union actually went out of existence. It no longer exists.

Mr. ARENS. And the next employment you had then?

Mr. KORSTAD. I organized the present business that I now operate. I have been there since, for 7 or 8 years, whatever amount of time that is.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know a man by the name of Armando Penha?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. KORSTAD. I am going to have to refuse to answer that question on the basis of my rights under the first amendment and the privilege under the fifth against self-incrimination.

Mr. ARENS. Do you honestly apprehend if you told this committee truthfully, while you are under oath, whether or not you know Armando Penha you would be supplying information which might be used against you in a criminal proceeding?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. KORSTAD. It is possible; yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Are you now, or have you ever been, a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. KORSTAD. I am going to have to refuse to answer that under the same basis.

Mr. ARENS. Are you now a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. KORSTAD. I will have to use the same basis.

Mr. ARENS. In 1950 were you living in Chicago?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. KORSTAD. No, sir. I have never lived in Chicago. I might have stayed there a night or two going back home.

Mr. ARENS. Do you recall a National Labor Conference for Peace, urging withdrawal of United States troops from Korea which was held in Chicago in July of 1950?

Mr. KORSTAD. I seem to recall that there was such a conference.

Mr. ARENS. Were you a participant in the conference?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. KORSTAD. I didn't participate in the conference. I wasn't there.

Mr. ARENS. I beg your pardon?

Mr. KORSTAD. I was not at that conference.

Mr. ARENS. Did you lend your name and your prestige in the labor movement to the Conference for Peace, urging the withdrawal of United States troops from Korea?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. KORSTAD. I may have. I was working in the union. Many things came across my desk.

Mr. ARENS. Were you a member of the Communist Party at the time you loaned your name and your prestige and your stature in this labor organization to this Conference for Peace, urging the withdrawal of United States troops from Korea?

Mr. KORSTAD. I am going to have to refuse to answer that question.

Mr. ARENS. You are not under any compulsion to refuse, you understand, sir.

Mr. KORSTAD. On the same grounds.

Mr. ARENS. Do you refuse?

Mr. KORSTAD. I refuse.

Mr. ARENS. Why?

Mr. KORSTAD. On the grounds I already stated.

Mr. ARENS. Do you honestly apprehend if you told this committee truthfully whether or not you were a Communist when you were lending your name, your prestige, and your status in this labor organization to this drive to cause the withdrawal of United States troops from Korea, you would be supplying information which might be used against you in a criminal proceeding?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. KORSTAD. It is possible, yes.

Mr. ARENS. While you were one of these organizers did you lend your name, your prestige, and your status in the labor organization in attacks against the House Committee on Un-American Activities?

Mr. KORSTAD. What date is that, please, sir? Do you have a date on that?

Mr. ARENS. I have in my hand a thermofax reproduction of the Communist Daily Worker of Sunday, May 25, 1947, listing names of a number of people who are alleging witch hunts, fascism, Red baiting and the like of this committee as alleged by the conspiracy, all endorsing this warning against this committee, including one Karl Korstad of the Food and Tobacco Workers Union of Memphis. Does that refresh your recollection?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. KORSTAD. Personally, I don't remember. I could have.

Mr. ARENS. You could have.

Mr. KORSTAD. It is possible. I don't remember.

(Document marked "Korstad Exhibit No. 1," and retained in committee files.)

Mr. ARENS. Were you a member of the Civil Rights Congress?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. KORSTAD. Sir, I refuse to answer the question on the previous basis.

Mr. ARENS. Do you recall when the 11 or 12 traitors were tried in New York City before Judge Medina? Do you recall that?

Mr. KORSTAD. I read the papers.

Mr. ARENS. Do you recall it?

Mr. KORSTAD. I recall the news. I don't recall any headlines like that.

Mr. ARENS. Do you recall any headlines in which your name appeared under an article asking that the 11 traitors be freed?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. KORSTAD. What were those people charged for, treason? Is that the charge that was against them?

Mr. ARENS. You said you recalled it. I don't want to quibble with you. Your counsel is trying to get me to say here that was not treason. It was traitorous acts under the Smith Act, and he knows it, as well as you do.

Tell us if you have a recollection, if you please, sir? Tell us if you have a recollection of lending your name, your prestige, and your status in this labor organization on behalf of the 11 Communists who were being tried, or had been tried, before Judge Medina in Foley Square in New York?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. KORSTAD. I don't recall it; I may have. I honestly don't recall that.

Mr. ARENS. Armando Penha testified yesterday, among other things, that while he was in the Communist Party at the behest of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to serve his Government he knew you in the apparatus as a colonizer. Was he in error in that testimony? I am not quoting him but giving the essence of it. Was he in error on that?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. KORSTAD. Would it be helpful in answering the question if I told you honestly how I happen to be working where I am now and why I happened to work—

Mr. ARENS. We don't want quibbling.

Mr. KORSTAD. I am not trying to.

Mr. ARENS. We want you to tell us: Have you been a Communist Party colonizer?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. KORSTAD. I don't know how—you phrase the question, you see, in such a way that you make it almost impossible for a person to give an honest answer.

Mr. ARENS. Just tell us honestly and simply: Are you now—we will start with that and then we will go on from there—are you now, this minute, a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. KORSTAD. I refuse to answer on the ground previously stated.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Penha said he knew you as a Communist. Why don't you deny it now while you have an opportunity while you are under oath?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. KORSTAD. I choose to use my constitutional rights under the first and fifth amendment.

Mr. ARENS. Were you a member of the High Point Industrial Commission in North Carolina in 1955?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. KORSTAD. I refuse on the same basis.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that will conclude the staff interrogation of this witness.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, I gathered the impression that the witness desired to say something in explanation. In spite of his having availed himself of the privilege under the Constitution, I feel that if there is any matter in extenuation or matter of explanation that he cares to make, perhaps we should hear him.

Mr. WILLIS. I think it would be a splendid idea if he would really speak freely about all he knows.

Mr. JACKSON. I am not that hopeful, Mr. Chairman. But I thought perhaps there might be something which he wanted to say which we should, in all justice, let him say.

Mr. KORSTAD. The reason—what I wanted to explain: The reason I came into the South was that I was drafted in the Army and sent in the South. I stayed in one post in the South. I married a Southern girl—there were thousands of us—and I settled in the South where my wife's family was. I went to work for this particular union—I don't think—because I was interested in the strike situation. I continued to work for them.

Mr. JACKSON. Were you a member of the Communist Party while you were doing all of this?

Mr. KORSTAD. I must refuse to answer. I refuse to answer those questions on the basis I have already given.

Mr. JACKSON. Why?

Mr. KORSTAD. On the basis of my rights under the first and privilege under the fifth not to give self-incrimination.

Mr. ARENS. Let us take a recess, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, I wish to make one observation, perhaps gratuitously.

I have been impressed by the fact that the present witness has not carried the militant injunctions of the Communist Party to disrupt, into this hearing room. We have seen enough of that during the years the committee has operated. I do not know what recent information, more recent than was developed by the witness Mr. Penha, the committee has. However, I have a feeling that one with the war record of the previous witness might and should give consideration to a continuing obligation which he has to his country.

I would hope that on sober reflection some time in the future the witness would see that obligation, as we believe it exists, and give the committee the benefit of whatever information he may have. He has been a courteous witness, which is quite unusual.

Mr. WILLIS. The committee will stand in formal recess for 10 minutes.

(Subcommittee members present: Representatives Willis, Tuck, and Jackson.)

(Brief recess.)

Mr. WILLIS. The subcommittee will please come to order.

(Subcommittee members present: Representatives Willis, Tuck, and Jackson.)

Mr. WILLIS. Counsel, please call your next witness.

Mr. ARENS. Jerome Van Camp, kindly come forward.

Mr. WILLIS. Please raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. VAN CAMP. I do.

**TESTIMONY OF JEROME VAN CAMP, ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSEL,
JOSEPH FORER**

Mr. ARENS. Please identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Mr. VAN CAMP. My name is Jerome Van Camp. I work at a number of jobs.

Mr. ARENS. Would it be convenient for you to raise your voice?

Mr. VAN CAMP. I have worked at a number of jobs, no particular occupation, even though I am a qualified weaver.

Mr. WILLIS. Qualified?

Mr. ARENS. I didn't get the last. You are a qualified what, sir?

Mr. VAN CAMP. I am a qualified weaver.

Mr. ARENS. And your residence, please?

Mr. VAN CAMP. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. ARENS. Where?

Mr. VAN CAMP. 2615 North Mutter Street.

Mr. ARENS. You are appearing today in response to a subpoena which was served upon you by the House Committee on Un-American Activities?

Mr. VAN CAMP. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. And you are represented by counsel?

Mr. VAN CAMP. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Counsel, please identify yourself on this record.

Mr. FORER. Joseph Forer, Washington, D. C.

Mr. ARENS. Where and when were you born?

Mr. VAN CAMP. I was born in Southern Pines, North Carolina.

Mr. ARENS. Would it be convenient for you to raise your voice?

Mr. VAN CAMP. I was born in Southern Pines, North Carolina, in 1933, May 14.

Mr. ARENS. Please tell us about your education.

Mr. VAN CAMP. I went to grammar school in Southern Pines. I went to high school in Southern Pines and I attended the University of North Carolina for two and a half years.

Mr. ARENS. When did you complete your studies at the University of North Carolina?

Mr. VAN CAMP. I think it was 1954.

Mr. ARENS. Now tell us, if you please, sir, what your first principal employment was after you completed your formal education?

Mr. VAN CAMP. I was working during my education.

Mr. ARENS. Where?

Mr. VAN CAMP. Erwin Mills.

Mr. ARENS. Where are the Erwin Mills located?

Mr. VAN CAMP. In Durham, North Carolina.

Mr. ARENS. In what capacity were you working there?

Mr. VAN CAMP. I worked there one time as a spare hand and then I learned to weave there.

Mr. ARENS. How long did you work there?

Mr. VAN CAMP. A total of 2 years.

Mr. ARENS. That would get us up to about 1956, is that correct?

Mr. VAN CAMP. No. I stopped working there twice to go back to school, and each time I would be reemployed at Erwin Mills.

Mr. ARENS. When did you finally conclude your employment activities at Erwin Mills?

Mr. VAN CAMP. May 5, 1955.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir. Now, your next employment, please, sir.

Mr. VAN CAMP. I worked for a plumbing contractor for a few weeks.

Mr. ARENS. Where, please, sir?

Mr. VAN CAMP. I worked for a plumbing contractor.

Mr. ARENS. Where?

Mr. VAN CAMP. In Chapel Hill, North Carolina, for a few weeks.

Mr. ARENS. And your next employment?

Mr. VAN CAMP. I worked for the Alexander Motor Company in Durham, which is 8 miles from there.

Mr. ARENS. How long did that employment last?

Mr. VAN CAMP. Two months.

Mr. ARENS. And your next employment, please, sir?

Mr. VAN CAMP. Carpenter Motor Company.

Mr. ARENS. Where?

Mr. VAN CAMP. In Durham.

Mr. ARENS. In what capacity?

Mr. VAN CAMP. As a mechanic's helper.

Mr. ARENS. And your next employment?

Mr. VAN CAMP. Just a minute. I went to New York that summer, 1956, and stayed there for about a month. I had a job there for the sheet metal company and then I returned to North Carolina.

Mr. ARENS. Just go on, if you please, sir, and tell us your next employments in sequence.

Mr. VAN CAMP. I received a draft notice while I was in New York and came home to answer it, and I was unemployed during that period, and I was declared 4-F.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. ARENS. Go right ahead, please, sir.

Mr. VAN CAMP. I live with my relatives, who moved to Philadelphia at that time, and when I got in Philadelphia I worked for the Northeast Auto Sales. That was in the fall of 1956.

Mr. ARENS. And your next employment?

Mr. VAN CAMP. The Philadelphia Inquirer.

Mr. ARENS. The Philadelphia Inquirer?

Mr. VAN CAMP. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. In what capacity?

Mr. VAN CAMP. As a copy boy.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir. Tell us your next employments as they come along, please, sir.

Mr. VAN CAMP. And my present job I now work at was the next one which is Kar-nu Company.

Mr. ARENS. I didn't get that.

Mr. VAN CAMP. The Kar-nu Co. They service Bell Telephone trucks, a subcontractor. I quit that job to come down here several days ago.

Mr. ARENS. Do you propose to take up residence again here in the South?

Mr. VAN CAMP. I quit to come to Atlanta. I don't intend to stay here.

Mr. ARENS. Young man, did you get hooked up with the Communist operation in the University of North Carolina at any time?

Mr. VAN CAMP. I refuse to answer that question on the basis of the first amendment, under my protection of the fifth amendment not to be a witness against myself, and I don't think it has anything to do with pending legislation.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know a man by the name of Armando Penha?

Mr. VAN CAMP. I refuse to answer on the same basis.

Mr. ARENS. Are you right now, today, a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. VAN CAMP. I refuse to answer on the same basis.

Mr. ARENS. Have you ever quit the Communist Party?

Mr. VAN CAMP. I refuse to answer on the same basis.

Mr. ARENS. This Committee on Un-American Activities, young man—and you still are a very young man——

Mr. VAN CAMP. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. —can recommend that immunity be granted from any criminal prosecution to certain people. I would like to ask you this: If this committee should cause to be instituted proceedings to grant you immunity so that you could not be prosecuted criminally for information developed by your own testimony, and if those proceedings should be brought to a fruition in the processes prescribed by the law so that you could come clean and face your parents, face your employers, and face other citizens of this country and tell all about what you know about the Communist operation as a young man, about the Communist attempts to penetrate the industrial areas of the South, about the way Communists seize hold of the minds of young people whom they can grab up in schools and colleges and the like, would you, if you had that immunity, would you break completely with this operation and accept this immunity and tell this committee while you are under oath all you know from your personal experience about the Communist Party and the Communist operation in this country?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. VAN CAMP. Would you repeat that question? Was that a question or—I took it as a speech. Make it simpler, please.

Mr. WILLIS. I think he is not the material we hoped he might be.

Mr. ARENS. We hoped, young man, you might want to break from the operation and testify while you are still young, while you still have an opportunity to be of service to your country.

Mr. VAN CAMP. Is that a question?

Mr. ARENS. And, in the process, to be clean—just an observation.

Mr. VAN CAMP. Thank you.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I better ask one question just to clear the record.

Mr. Penha testified, sir, that while he was serving his country as an undercover agent in this operation for the FBI he knew you as a

member of the Communist Party, and he had certain information respecting colonization activities by yourself. Do you care to avail yourself now of the opportunity, while you are under oath, to publicly take issue with Mr. Penha and deny this information in so far as it is applicable to you?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. VAN CAMP. No, I don't care to.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that will conclude the staff interrogation of this witness.

Mr. WILLIS. The witness is excused.

Please call your next witness.

Mr. ARENS. Hunter Pitts O'Dell, please come forward.

Mr. WILLIS. Please raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. O'DELL. I do.

TESTIMONY OF HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSEL, ORZELL BILLINGSLEY, JR.

Mr. ARENS. Please identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Mr. O'DELL. My name is Hunter O'Dell.

Mr. ARENS. Please identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Mr. O'DELL. I will repeat. My name is Hunter O'Dell. My residence is Montgomery, Alabama.

Since this committee has earlier stated—

Mr. WILLIS. What is your occupation? That is the next question.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. O'DELL. Since this committee has earlier stated—

Mr. ARENS. Would you kindly state your occupation?

Mr. O'DELL. The question as to my occupation is not relevant to subversive activity.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, I ask that the witness be directed to answer the question.

Mr. WILLIS. Yes. You are directed to answer the question and I think you will find out—we might as well get on the right foot—that it will be so much better for you if you answer the questions direct. If you don't, you may subject yourself to special proceedings. We don't want that. That is a simple question. The question is, what is your occupation. But the choice is yours. You have that right.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. O'DELL. I am an insurance executive.

Mr. ARENS. I didn't hear you, please, sir.

Mr. O'DELL. I am an insurance executive.

Before we go further, I have a statement that I would like to—

Mr. ARENS. You are appearing today in response to a subpoena that was served upon you by the House Committee on Un-American Activities?

Mr. O'DELL. I am.

Mr. ARENS. And you are represented by counsel?

Mr. O'DELL. I am.

Mr. ARENS. Counsel, kindly identify yourself.

Mr. BILLINGSLEY. Orzell Billingsley, Jr., Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. ARENS. I am not sure our reporter got that.

Mr. BILLINGSLEY. Orzell Billingsley, Jr.

Mr. ARENS. Your first name?

Mr. BILLINGSLEY. Orzell. O-r-z-e-l-l.

Mr. ARENS. And your last name?

Mr. BILLINGSLEY. Billingsley.

Mr. ARENS. And your address, please, counsel.

Mr. BILLINGSLEY. Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. ARENS. Where and when were you born, Mr. O'Dell?

Mr. O'DELL. Detroit, Michigan, 1923; in August.

Mr. ARENS. And a word about your education.

Mr. O'DELL. Well, I don't feel that my education is a question at hand with regard to subversive activities. Therefore I refuse to answer.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest this witness be ordered and directed to answer the question as to his educational background.

Mr. WILLIS. You are directed to answer the question. It is a preliminary question and may well be very pertinent.

I direct you to answer that question as to your education.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. O'DELL. I don't think that it is pertinent and neither is it a secret, but I spent 2 years in college and studied Pharmacy at Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. ARENS. Where did you take your 2 years in college?

Mr. O'DELL. I just stated that.

Mr. WILLIS. Xavier University of New Orleans, a very good school.

Mr. ARENS. Did you receive any kind of degree?

Mr. O'DELL. No.

Mr. ARENS. When did you conclude your education at Xavier University?

Mr. O'DELL. Somewhere around 1944, late '43.

Mr. ARENS. What was your first principal employment after you concluded your education at Xavier University?

Mr. O'DELL. I joined the United States Merchant Marine during the war.

Mr. ARENS. And how long did you serve in the Merchant Marine?

Mr. O'DELL. Well, it was a broken period for about 7 years. It was a period of about 2 years and then there was a period that I worked in Miami for my father, and then I went back to the Merchant Marine years later. So it ran to about 7 years altogether.

Mr. ARENS. Were you ever precluded or screened off ships in the Merchant Marine under any Government program?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. ARENS. Did you understand the question?

Mr. O'DELL. Yes, I understood the question.

Mr. ARENS. Would you kindly answer it?

Mr. O'DELL. And I would like to introduce a statement to this committee, if there is no objection.

Mr. ARENS. We will get to that in a moment, please. Were you ever screened off any ships by any Government security program?

Mr. O'DELL. I don't recall.

Mr. ARENS. You don't recall. Where all did you go when you were with the Merchant Marine?

Mr. O'DELL. I stated that I worked in the Merchant Marine during the war.

Mr. ARENS. Where all did you go?

Mr. O'DELL. I went all over the world.

Mr. ARENS. Did you engage in any Communist Party organizing on these ships?

Mr. O'DELL. My purpose in sailing was to be part of the war effort.

Mr. ARENS. Were you a Communist when you were a part of this war effort?

Mr. O'DELL. What is meant by a "Communist"? What do you mean by that?

Mr. ARENS. A Communist?

Mr. O'DELL. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. I will be very glad to tell you.

A Communist is a person who is part and parcel of the Communist Party, either aboveground or belowground in the United States, the Communist operation. About 100 years ago there was a German scholar, Karl Marx. He evolved a philosophy of world revolution, an atheistic, communistic program. That was given a catalytic response by Nicolai Lenin, 50 years ago, at which time he and a band of revolutionaries seized control of the government. That movement has spread over the world. It has 33,000,000 agents over the world, in a death grip with all the God-fearing people, all that God-fearing people believe in. In the United States, 25 or 30 years ago that movement got a start. It is a movement that now has enmeshed in its grip 900 million people. It is the movement that proceeds by violence and deceit and subversion to corrupt and to destroy. It is the movement within Soviet Russia itself which has, in its ascendancy, destroyed over 10 million human souls. It has at least 20 million in slave labor camps. It is a movement in Red China, according to the best advices, that has destroyed approximately 40 million souls. It is a movement that is heading toward a total war against the United States of America. It is a movement that has enlisted within the United States a fifth column, dedicated to destroy this Government, which is the last bastion of freedom of any potency to resist this movement in the world.

We understand, and we have received testimony from live witnesses under oath, responsible people, identifying you, Hunter Pitts O'Dell, as part and parcel of that movement, as a dedicated zealot of the Communist conspiracy in the United States who masquerades behind the Constitution of the United States, and would desecrate the flag of this great Nation.

That I believe is a fair start on "What is a Communist?" and "What is the Communist movement?"

And this Committee on Un-American Activities, as an arm of the Congress of the United States, is seeking to develop factual information which it can use in devising legislative enactments to protect this Nation against this conspiratorial fifth column, not a political party,

but one which masquerades behind a facade of humanitarianism and undertakes to suck into its web, the dupes, the innocent, and those who can be called within the orbit of its influence.

One Arthur Eugene testified before this committee in February 1957, that while he was a member of this conspiracy, he knew you, Hunter Pitts O'Dell, as part and parcel of the conspiracy.

Another one-time top Communist in the South, a Dr. William Sorum, likewise identified you as a Communist. I have in my hand here now an organizational platform and program for the South—which was seized on premises which you occupied in New Orleans a year or so ago—on proposals of the Communist Party conspiracy of the South.

And I propose, if you will tell us whether or not, while you are under oath, you are now in this conspiracy of the Communist Party, to interrogate you at length with reference to plans and proposals and designs of this conspiracy which were taken from premises under your custody and control.

Now, let us proceed with making this record.

Are you now a member of the Communist Party? We will start there.

Mr. O'DELL. I am going to answer the previous question, that you—I asked you what is a Communist.

Mr. ARENS. Do you understand what a Communist is now?

Mr. O'DELL. No. I have been treated to a speech.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know what a Communist is?

Mr. O'DELL. Well, I will answer. I will answer the question that you raised originally. Most definitions are short. Yours seemed to have evoked a speech. You seem to know, and apparently have stated, a lot about subversive activities that began with Karl Marx and Europe and a hundred years ago.

I am wondering, do you know as much about the subversive activities in this country that began with the slavery of the Negro people, and have been going on for 300 years, including the Jim Crow system that has been in effect since the end of the Civil War. That is what I am primarily concerned with in terms of subversive activities.

Mr. ARENS. Our primary concern at the moment is to find out from you whether or not you will tell this committee, while you are under oath, whether or not you are now, this minute, a Communist.

(At this point Representative Jackson left the hearing room.)

Mr. O'DELL. I didn't interrupt you while you were making your statement. I don't expect you to interrupt me while I am making mine.

Mr. WILLIS. You are not going to make a speech. You said you didn't understand the question. He explained it. You asked for it. Now, I am very much afraid, for your own account, you might be asking for more—to lock horns with Mr. Arens on this general subject.

You asked for the definition. He gave it to you.

Now there is one question pending. Will you repeat it?

Mr. ARENS. Are you now a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. O'DELL. Since you are discussing a party, for me to answer that it would also mean that if you wanted to go over to Mississippi and find out when—

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that the witness be now ordered and directed to answer the question.

Mr. WILLIS. I order and direct you to answer the simple question: Are you now a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. O'DELL. Since we are not concerned with the subversive activities, as far as oppression of the Negro people is concerned, I have to rely upon all of the immunity that the Constitution of the United States gives me as a Negro, because I am concerned with subversive activities that have kept my people segregated for this long time.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. O'DELL. So the first and fifth amendments, and any other amendment of the Constitution that offers me support and protection from not being persecuted because I am concerned with the oppression of the Negro people, and you are talking about something that started over 100 years ago.

Mr. ARENS. Do you honestly feel, and are you trying to make this committee and the people of this country believe, that you, a member of the Communist conspiracy, responsive to the will of the Kremlin, are in truth and in fact, concerned about the welfare of the Negro people of this country?

Mr. O'DELL. I wouldn't try to make you believe anything.

Mr. ARENS. Then stand up and tell this committee while you are under oath whether or not your activities and this facade that you are throwing around yourself in this aura of so-called respectability are not a front for the conspiratorial activities of yourself as a member of the Communist Party.

Mr. O'DELL. The Jim Crow system in the United States is not a front; it is a very real thing, which every Negro in the United States has experienced. It is not a front. If you think it is a front, you have a great deal to learn about your own country, not worrying about what some international thing—I don't know anything about.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know anything about the Communist Party?

Mr. O'DELL. I answered that question previously.

(At this point Representative Jackson returned to the hearing room.)

Mr. ARENS. Now, I should like to display to you—

Mr. O'DELL. Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a statement in this—

Mr. ARENS. I should like to display to you now, please, an outline, a directive, "Proposals on Southern Party Organization, 1955, 1956," which was procured from your premises in New Orleans, and in which are set forth here in detail: organizational plans and specifications, mass agitation, permeation of the press, Party building, cadres, literature, finances, educational activities, outlined plans for industrial concentration, and the like, including a bibliography of books on international communism.

Kindly look at that document and tell this committee, first of all, whether you have ever seen it before.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. O'DELL. I don't recall ever seeing any such document.

(At this point Representative Tuck left the hearing room.)

Mr. ARENS. Are you sure you are telling the truth?

Mr. O'DELL. That is my answer.

Mr. ARENS. I should like to read you some testimony with reference to this particular document and see if it might refresh your recollec-

tion. This testimony, an excerpt from which I am now going to read, was taken by this committee on February 14, 1957, in New Orleans. I was at that time interrogating Sergeant Badeaux, of the New Orleans Anti-Subversive Squad.

Q. Will you kindly proceed at your own pace, Sergeant, to tell us about these documents and their significance?

At that time, among other documents, he had this particular document, which I have just displayed to you.

Sergeant BADEAUX. We were particularly fortunate in receiving this first document. At the time that we obtained it, it was, you might say, of recent vintage. It is the proposals on the entire Southern Communist Party Organization for 1955 and 1956.

Q. Was that seized on the premises of a person you know to be a Communist agent?

A. Yes. We have known this man to be, as a matter of fact, the top man in the State since 1950.

Q. Can you disclose the name of this Communist agent?

A. Yes. Hunter Pitts O'Dell.

Do you want the record now to stand that you have never seen this document before?

Mr. O'DELL. I don't recall seeing that document.

(Document marked "O'Dell Exhibit No. 1" and retained in committee files.)

Mr. ARENS. Did you live in New Orleans in 1957 at any time?

Mr. O'DELL. What would where I live have to do with subversive activities?

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest the witness now be ordered and directed to answer the question.

Mr. WILLIS. Yes. You are ordered and directed to answer the question.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. O'DELL. Would you have the court reporter repeat that question, please?

Mr. WILLIS. Yes, the reporter will please read the last question.

(The reporter read from his notes as requested.)

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. O'DELL. I refuse to answer that question.

Mr. ARENS. Why?

Mr. O'DELL. On the basis of the first and fifth amendments, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Have you in addition to your other activities been an author?

Mr. O'DELL. I have no knowledge of ever having been an author.

Mr. ARENS. I should like to display to you now a photostatic copy of the Communist publication, Political Affairs, in which appears an article entitled "The Political Scene in Louisiana," and the author's name, according to Political Affairs, is Hunter O'Dell.

Please look at that article which I shall now display to you and tell this committee whether or not that refreshes your recollection with reference to your activities in the literary field.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. O'DELL. I decline to answer that under the same constitutional provisions.

Mr. ARENS. Doesn't this refresh your recollection?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. O'DELL. My answer is: I refuse to answer the question on the basis of the first and fifth amendments.

Mr. ARENS. I put it to you as a fact, and ask you to affirm or deny the fact, that you are the Hunter O'Dell alluded to as the author of this article appearing in Political Affairs, which has been cited as the official Communist Party monthly theoretical organ.

Mr. O'DELL. My stand is the same. I refuse to answer that on the same grounds.

(Document marked "O'Dell Exhibit No. 2," and retained in committee files.)

Mr. ARENS. Were you ever expelled from the CIO National Maritime Union?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. O'DELL. I refuse to answer that, on the same grounds.

Mr. ARENS. Have you ever been a member of the National Maritime Union?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. O'DELL. I refuse to answer that.

Mr. WILLIS. Why?

Mr. ARENS. Why?

Mr. O'DELL. On the same grounds, the first and fifth amendments to the Constitution.

Mr. ARENS. I should like to display to you now a copy of the Communist Daily Worker, Wednesday, July 5, 1950, and I will read to you an excerpt from this article and see if you can't help this Committee on Un-American Activities which is trying to develop factual information to preserve this country under whose flag you have protection.

Mr. O'DELL. You are trying to preserve the segregation system, too, I see that.

Mr. ARENS. The article reads:

TEXAS NMU OUSTS SEAMAN FOR CIRCULATING PEACE PLAN

GALVESTON, TEXAS, July 4.—Hunter O'Dell, Negro seaman, who sailed during World War II, was expelled from the CIO National Maritime Union here for circulating peace petitions aboard the S. S. Simon Benson.

This appeared in the Communist Daily Worker, as I say, July 5, 1950.

Kindly look at this article and see if this might refresh your recollection with respect to that particular incident.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. O'DELL. I refuse to answer on the same grounds, the first and fifth amendments to the Constitution.

(Document marked "O'Dell Exhibit No. 3" and retained in committee files.)

Mr. ARENS. Do you know a man by the name of Arthur Eugene?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. O'DELL. I don't recall the name.

Mr. ARENS. Let me read you a little testimony. Perhaps it might refresh your recollection.

Arthur Eugene is a man who had been in the Communist Party. He likewise was a Negro, a patriotic Negro. He told about his activities in the Communist Party, about the efforts of the conspirators in the

party to use issues by which they could stir up race relations for Communist conspiratorial purposes.

He told about how he resented it, and why patriotic people of your race would resent that type of thing.

Then he continued, in the course of the interrogation which we had with him while he was under oath, and told about a particular Communist Party committee.

Here is the question which I asked him when he was under oath, in 1957:

Moving up in the chronology of your activities in the party, do you recall in 1949 whether or not a committee was established here in New Orleans to protest the conviction of the twelve Communist Party members who were convicted in New York City?

Eugene's answer was:

Yes, sir; there were.

Q. Who was on this committee?

A. Steve Nelson, Bob Martin, Hunter Pitts O'Dell, Lee Brown. There were a number of others who participated in it.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. ARENS. Now, tell this committee, while you are under oath, whether or not my reading of that testimony refreshes your recollection with reference to your participation in that enterprise.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. O'DELL. No, it does not.

Mr. ARENS. Do you deny your participation in that enterprise?

Mr. O'DELL. I already answered the question.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that the witness be ordered and directed to answer the last principal outstanding question.

Mr. WILLIS. I direct you to answer the question.

Mr. O'DELL. I decline to answer it, under the same grounds, the first and fifth amendments to the Constitution.

Mr. ARENS. I respectfully suggest, Mr. Chairman, that this will conclude the staff interrogation of this witness.

Mr. JACKSON. I have no questions, Mr. Chairman. But I have an observation I should like to make.

I cannot help but reflect on the progress that has been made by individuals like Ralph Bunche, Marian Anderson, and Jackie Robinson. The latter's testimony before this very committee was some of the best the committee has ever taken, and the fact has been established in abundant testimony that efforts to infiltrate a substantial segment of the Negro population of America by the Communist Party have fallen flat.

I would just like to have that in the record on the testimony of members of the Negro race, who should know, and who were willing to testify as to what they had found out about the Communist Party.

Mr. O'DELL. I would like to make a statement, too, since the statement—

Mr. ARENS. The rules of this committee provide that any statement that you would like to submit to the committee should be submitted in advance of the hearing for consideration by the committee, to determine whether or not it would care to incorporate it in the record.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, on that point, let us read into the record at this time the provision of Rule IX of the committee on statements:

Any witness desiring to make a prepared or written statement for the record of the proceedings in executive or public sessions shall file a copy of such statement with the counsel of the Committee within a reasonable period of time in advance of the hearing at which the statement is to be presented.

All such statements so received which are relevant and germane to the subject of the investigation may, upon approval, at the conclusion of the testimony of the witness, by a majority vote of the Committee or Subcommittee members present, be inserted in the official transcript of the proceedings.

Mr. WILLIS. As a matter of fact—I may be wrong in this specific instance—but it is my understanding that witnesses who were summoned to appear here were given a copy of the rules, and in fairness, so they would know well in advance.

Mr. O'DELL. I didn't receive a copy. All I want to do is make a statement in reply to Mr. Jackson's statement. I didn't receive a copy of that. If I was supposed to have, it was your obligation.

Mr. ARENS. It is a matter of routine. Whether or not it was forgotten in this particular instance, I do not know.

Mr. Chairman, if you please, sir, I respectfully request that the exhibits displayed to this witness be appropriately marked and incorporated by reference in the record.

Mr. WILLIS. So ordered.

Mr. O'DELL. Mr. Chairman, I suggest that this be incorporated along with it, this statement that I have——

(Subcommittee members present, Representatives Willis and Jackson.)

(At this point a short recess was taken, after which the hearing was resumed.)

Mr. WILLIS. The subcommittee will come to order.

(Subcommittee members present, Representatives Willis and Jackson.)

Mr. WILLIS. A short while ago a witness was called, William Matthews, the young man who said he didn't have a lawyer, and counsel for our committee asked a member of the staff to contact the local bar and in order not to interrupt the hearings our colleague from California attended to the matter, and I am wondering if he has a report to make about a local member of the bar offering his or her services to this young man?

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, immediately when the witness indicated that he was without counsel, we contacted the Legal Aid Society of Atlanta, explained the situation, and they very kindly consented in the best tradition of jurisprudence which gives everyone, no matter of what heinous crime he may stand accused, the right of counsel. The Legal Aid Society immediately volunteered to send counsel to the committee room to act as counsel for the witness. In the interim, however, the witness had made other arrangements for counsel.

However, we do want to express the appreciation of the subcommittee and of the full committee to the Legal Aid Society for its willingness to help in this matter.

Mr. WILLIS. And counsel was made available?

Mr. JACKSON. Counsel was made available. I think she is still in the room. However, the witness has made interim arrangements for representation.

Mr. ARENS. May I call the witness, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. WILLIS. William Matthews, kindly resume the witness stand.

Mr. ARENS. So there may be no question as to formalities of this particular proceeding, Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest it might be well to again swear the witness.

Mr. WILLIS. Again, yes.

Kindly raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I do.

TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM MATTHEWS, ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSEL, JOSEPH FORER

Mr. ARENS. Kindly identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Mr. MATTHEWS. My name is William Matthews. I live at 2082 Union Street, in Brooklyn, New York, and I work for a camera manufacturer.

Mr. ARENS. You are appearing today in response to a subpoena that was served upon you by the House Committee on Un-American Activities?

Mr. MATTHEWS. Yes, I did.

Mr. ARENS. And you are represented by counsel?

Mr. MATTHEWS. Yes, I am.

Mr. ARENS. Counsel, kindly identify yourself.

Mr. FORER. I am Joseph Forer of Washington, D. C.; and on the question of representation of this witness, I should like the record to show that after the witness was informed by counsel for the committee that the Atlanta Bar Association, whom the committee had requested to supply counsel, was apparently unable to do so, the witness requested me to represent him.

At his request, not at the request of the committee, I agreed to represent him and was able to consult with him during recesses and while other witnesses were testifying.

Thereafter, as I understand it, someone, a lawyer, came from the Legal Aid Society, and the witness informed the lawyer from the Legal Aid Society that he preferred to have me as his attorney.

Mr. ARENS. Where and when were you born?

Mr. MATTHEWS. January 19, 1936, in Erwin, North Carolina.

Mr. ARENS. I didn't get the name of the city.

Mr. MATTHEWS. Erwin.

Mr. ARENS. Would you accommodate me by giving me that date again? I slipped up on that.

Mr. MATTHEWS. January 19, 1936.

Mr. ARENS. Tell us about your education, please.

Mr. MATTHEWS. I completed eleventh grade in high school, that's all.

Mr. ARENS. When did you——

Mr. MATTHEWS. Tenth grade—beg your pardon.

Mr. ARENS. When did you complete your high-school education?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I am not sure, but I think it was around 1950, but then I started back for 3 months and I quit again.

Mr. ARENS. Beginning, we will say about 1950, give us the principal employments which you had.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. MATTHEWS. I refuse to answer on my past employment on the grounds of the fifth amendment of the Constitution.

Mr. ARENS. Do you honestly contend that if you told this committee truthfully of the employments which you had since 1950, you would be supplying information which might be used against you in a criminal proceeding?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. MATTHEWS. It is possible.

Mr. ARENS. Have you had any employments since 1950, since you completed your high-school work, concerning which you can give this committee information, without giving information which might be used against you in a criminal proceeding?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. MATTHEWS. I am willing to tell you my present employment but not to discuss my past employment.

Mr. ARENS. How long has your present employment endured?

Mr. MATTHEWS. Approximately 2 years.

Mr. ARENS. What was your employment immediately prior to your present employment?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I refuse to answer, on the grounds of the fifth amendment, about my past employment.

Mr. ARENS. Where was your employment immediately prior to your present employment?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I refuse to answer that question on the same grounds.

Mr. ARENS. In what State were you employed immediately prior to your present employment?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. MATTHEWS. I refuse on the same ground and also because it is irreverent.

Mr. ARENS. You mean irrelevant?

Mr. MATTHEWS. Yes, sir. I am not very well educated, as you can see.

Mr. FORER. It is still irrelevant, no matter how you spell it.

Mr. ARENS. Young man, are you right now—you are only 22 years of age, aren't you?

Mr. MATTHEWS. That is correct.

Mr. ARENS. Are you right now a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I am not.

Mr. ARENS. Have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I have not.

Mr. ARENS. You have never been a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. MATTHEWS. No, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know a man by the name of Penha?

Mr. MATTHEWS. No, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Are you married?

Mr. MATTHEWS. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Only for the purpose of identification, please, tell us your wife's name.

Mr. MATTHEWS. Ella Matthews.

Mr. ARENS. Is it Ella Levine Matthews?

Mr. MATTHEWS. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Only for the purpose of identification, tell us whether or not Ella Levine Matthews is the daughter of a man who works, or has worked in the recent past, for the Communist Daily Worker.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. MATTHEWS. I think that goes beyond identification.

Mr. ARENS. Could you, in your own words, tell us now how you deny Communist Party membership and yet invoke the provisions of the fifth amendment against self-incrimination on all employment which you have been engaged in since 1950, with the exception of your present employment?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I invoke the fifth amendment in good faith.

Mr. ARENS. Have you, in the course of the last 8 years, been under Communist Party discipline?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I have not, to the best of my knowledge. I don't know exactly what you mean by that. No one tells me what to do. I got my own mind. I do my own thinking and I am not a politician, and politics has got no part with me whatsoever.

Mr. ARENS. Have you ever attempted to obtain employment in the textile industry?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. MATTHEWS. I refuse to answer on the grounds of the fifth amendment.

Mr. ARENS. Are you a non-member Communist?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I answered that already.

Mr. FORER. What is it?

Mr. ARENS. What type of work have you been engaged in, in this period from 1950 up until 1956 when you entered your present employment?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. MATTHEWS. I refuse to answer questions about my past employment.

Mr. ARENS. Tell us the type of employment which you have been engaged in.

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. MATTHEWS. I refuse for the same reason.

Mr. JACKSON. Was the employment legal or was it an illegal employment?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I refuse for the same reason.

Mr. ARENS. Have you ever been a member of the Young Communist League or the Labor Youth League?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I have not.

Mr. ARENS. Have you ever been a member of an organization, to your certain knowledge, controlled by the Communist Party?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I have not.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know Jerome Van Camp?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. MATTHEWS. I refuse to answer on the ground of the fifth amendment.

Mr. ARENS. Jerome Van Camp has been identified under oath as a hard-core member of the Communist Party. Has Jerome Van Camp been using you for Communist Party purposes?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. MATTHEWS. Nobody uses me.

Mr. ARENS. When did you last see Jerome Van Camp?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. MATTHEWS. I refuse to answer on the grounds of the fifth amendment.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know William Evans?

Mr. FORER. Excuse me a second.

(Counsel conferred with the witness.)

Mr. MATTHEWS. I refuse to answer that question.

Mr. ARENS. Why?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. MATTHEWS. The fifth amendment, not relevant.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know Oscar Berland?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I refuse to answer that question on the same grounds.

Mr. ARENS. All three of these men have been identified here under oath in these proceedings, in the course of the last day or so, as hard-core Communists. Do you have information respecting any of them or all of them?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. MATTHEWS. What do you mean information?

Mr. ARENS. Do you know them?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I refuse to answer that.

Mr. ARENS. Are you in contact with them?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. MATTHEWS. I refuse to answer that question on the ground of the fifth amendment of the Constitution.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know Armando Penha?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I do not. I told you I am not a Communist and I have never been a Communist and I never intend to be a Communist.

Mr. ARENS. We congratulate you on this assertion.

Do you presently possess information respecting Communist Party activities of Fanny Licht?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. MATTHEWS. No.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know Fanny Licht?

(The witness conferred with his counsel.)

Mr. MATTHEWS. I refuse to answer.

Mr. ARENS. Why?

Mr. MATTHEWS. Same grounds as before stated.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know, or have you known, Junius Scales?

Mr. MATTHEWS. I refuse to answer on the same grounds as before stated.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that concludes the staff interrogation of this witness.

Mr. WILLIS. The witness is excused.

Mr. ARENS. Excuse me just one moment. I would like to ask just one more question, Mr. Chairman.

I asked you, Mr. Matthews, whether or not you knew a person by the name of Armando Penha.

Mr. Penha just stepped forward to remind me here that, in the course of his testimony a day or so ago, he stated that while he was in the Communist Party, he used the party name of Tom.

Did you, or have you at any time, known a person in the Communist Party who used the code name of Tom?

Mr. MATTHEWS. To the best of my memory, no.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, that concludes the staff interrogation of this witness.

Mr. WILLIS. The committee will stand in recess until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

(Subcommittee members present: Representatives Willis and Jackson.)

(Whereupon, at 4:10 p. m., Wednesday, July 30, 1958, the subcommittee recessed, to reconvene at 10 a. m. Thursday, July 31, 1958.)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION AND ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTH

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1958

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,
Atlanta, Ga.

PUBLIC HEARING

The subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities met, pursuant to recess, at 10 o'clock a. m. in the courtroom, Old Post Office Building, Atlanta, Georgia, Hon. Edwin E. Willis (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Committee members present: Representatives Edwin E. Willis, of Louisiana, and Donald L. Jackson, of California.

Staff members present: Richard Arens, staff director, and George Williams and Frank Bonora, investigators.

Mr. WILLIS. The subcommittee will please come to order.

The Chair wishes to make this statement.

Over the course of the last 2 days we have heard the testimony of many who have been identified by sworn testimony as Communists, whose ultimate objective is to bring about a Communist regime in America.

This morning, the witness whom we shall hear has lived under Communist regime. He will tell of communism in action. Counsel has said frequently that the Communists masquerade under or behind humanitarian issues. We will remove that mask this morning.

This witness's complete identity cannot be revealed for reasons of security, but the committee has carefully checked his integrity and reliability, and we can vouch for him. Accordingly, there will be no pictures taken of this witness, and he will not reveal his name or exact location of his present residence, except to say that he is now a resident in the Southland.

Would you call the witness, Mr. Arens?

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, one matter before the witness is sworn.

Yesterday, it will be recalled, a witness appeared without counsel and was excused by the committee while arrangements could be made for counsel. He explained that he did not have resources to pay for counsel, and the committee undertook to obtain necessary legal counsel for him.

He finally obtained the services of an attorney in the room who had represented other witnesses here. However, advertently or inadvertently, the impression may have been left by an announcement made by his counsel, when the witness finally did take the stand, that

the Atlanta Bar Association had been unable or unwilling to represent the witness.

I should like to make it perfectly clear that the call that was made by the attaché here with reference to obtaining counsel for the witness was not made to the Atlanta Bar Association, but was made to the Legal Aid Society. The Legal Aid Society was most cooperative; and within a matter of a very few minutes, counsel was here from the Society for the purposes of representing the witness.

However, there should be no misunderstanding about the position of the committee vis-a-vis the Bar Association. I am confident that had the Bar Association been contacted, they would have been very willing and very anxious, in the best traditions of the legal profession, to furnish counsel for the witness.

Mr. ARENS. Will you kindly stand while the chairman administers an oath?

Mr. WILLIS. Please raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

The WITNESS. Yes, sir; I do.

Mr. WILLIS. Please talk slowly and address yourself to the mike so we can understand you. We understand that you have some difficulty in expressing yourself in the English language, but take your time, and we will be glad to hear from you.

TESTIMONY OF A HUNGARIAN REFUGEE

Mr. ARENS. You are presently a resident of the Southland?

The WITNESS. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. And how long have you been a resident of the South, here in the United States?

The WITNESS. About one and a half years.

Mr. ARENS. Where and when were you born?

The WITNESS. I was born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1928, July 8.

Mr. ARENS. Give us just a word, please, about your family, your mother and your father, principally with reference to your father's occupation.

The WITNESS. My father was a doctor, a physician. He was a heart specialist, and we lived in Hungary, Budapest. My mother was just a housewife. I had a sister who is still in Hungary.

Mr. ARENS. In the latter part of 1944, or perhaps the early part of 1945, would you detail for us any occurrences in your life of considerable consequence when you were then, as I believe, about 16 years of age and a resident in Budapest.

The WITNESS. In 1945, in January, the Soviet Army occupied the half part of Budapest, and in about 3 weeks after the occupation of this part of the town, I and my father were captured by the NKVD, the Soviet Secret Police.

Mr. ARENS. Where did they take custody of you?

The WITNESS. They came to our apartment.

Mr. ARENS. And who in your family was in the apartment, in addition to yourself and your father?

The WITNESS. There was my mother, my sister, and a housemaid. We had housemaids.

Mr. ARENS. How old was your sister at the time?

The WITNESS. My sister was about 12 or 13.

Mr. ARENS. And where did the Soviet Secret Police take you when they captured you and took you into custody?

The WITNESS. They took me to the headquarters of the NKVD about 20 miles out from Budapest.

Mr. ARENS. When you say NKVD, you mean the Soviet Secret Police?

The WITNESS. The Soviet Secret Police.

Mr. WILLIS. You alone, or you and your father?

The WITNESS. I was with my father.

Mr. WILLIS. All right.

Mr. ARENS. Had either you or your father engaged in any kind of activities which, in the most general sense, could be characterized as political activities or activities of public affairs of any character?

The WITNESS. No, we were not.

Mr. ARENS. Now, just tell us in your own words what happened when you were taken to the NKVD headquarters in Budapest or outside of Budapest, I believe you said, some 20 miles.

The WITNESS. First of all, they separated us. They separated me from my father and they put me in a separate room. Later on they started to interrogate me and my father. I don't know. Do you want to know about the interrogation?

Mr. ARENS. Well, give us just the highlights of it, please.

The WITNESS. First they interrogated me. They asked of me very usual questions, like where I was born, where I went to school, what education I have; and the second time they asked about my father, what did he do, and with what kind of people was he connected.

They interrogated my father, too, but I had never the opportunity to ask my father what they asked him about.

Mr. ARENS. Were there other people who were likewise being interrogated or were captives of the Soviet Secret Police?

The WITNESS. Yes, there were very many people, but I was separated from them.

Mr. ARENS. Just tell us in your own words what happened there at the Secret Police headquarters.

The WITNESS. So after they interrogated us, I figured out that they wanted me to tell something, but I didn't know. They wanted me to tell that I am a spy against the Soviet Union.

Mr. ARENS. They wanted you to tell that you were a spy against the Soviet Union?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. And you were just 16 years of age?

The WITNESS. I was 16 years old.

Mr. ARENS. Had you engaged in any type of activities of that character?

The WITNESS. I never did.

Mr. ARENS. Had your father?

The WITNESS. My father had not, either.

Mr. ARENS. Go right ahead, please, sir.

The WITNESS. I think they captured us because they thought that it might be that we could do some activity, because already the Communist Government took over in Hungary; and maybe they thought

since we had quite a good life in Hungary, we would oppose this Soviet regime.

Mr. ARENS. Go ahead and tell us the incidents that transpired there at the Secret Police headquarters.

The WITNESS. After a couple interrogations, a Soviet colonel came to me.

Mr. ARENS. A colonel, did you say?

The WITNESS. A colonel came to me, and he gave me exactly this question: "Do you know that you are a spy against the Soviet Union?"

I told him, "No, I am not." And he was very angry. He was getting very angry, and he wanted that I sign a paper, but I didn't want to sign this paper, because I never was a spy and I didn't know anything about this whole thing.

So from here they took us to another place in trucks.

Mr. ARENS. About how far away was it from the first place where you were interrogated?

The WITNESS. About 20 miles northeast. They took us the second time inside the town in Budapest, in the heart of the city.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir. Go right ahead, please, sir.

The WITNESS. Here we were put in a house that was damaged from bombs. It was in February, and it was very cold, of course. A fellow prisoner jumped out from the window, and of course he died on the street, and after this incident——

Mr. ARENS. Why did he do that?

The WITNESS. Well, I think he knew already what will happen to him. He knew much more about the Communist system than we did.

Mr. ARENS. He knew more about what might be coming than you did?

The WITNESS. Yes. I think that he was a smart fellow, that he jumped out.

Mr. ARENS. Smart that he killed himself, rather than subject himself to the indignities and torture which you and your father subsequently endured; is that correct?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir; go right ahead, please.

The WITNESS. After this incident we were put in a cellar of this house. In the cellar was water on the floor, and the conditions were just terrible. There were women and men together. There was no food and no washing utilities and no rest room. We were here about 2 weeks. I and my father were never interrogated here. We were always separated. I was separated from my father. Only from the door I could see him, but I couldn't talk to him.

From here we were taken to another place in Hungary about, I don't know, 60 miles from here: and here we were interrogated again, but with much more Trotsky methods. Here I had to sign a paper, not a paper, well, a book about 40 pages. I don't know what was in there because it was everything in Russian, and at this time I didn't know anything about the Russian language, and they forced me to sign this paper. The first time I didn't want to sign it, but I didn't know what was in it. Later, as they started to beat me—and of course we didn't get any water and we got no food——

Mr. ARENS. How about sleep?

The WITNESS. As to sleep, we couldn't get sleep because we were so many people in a little room pressed.

Mr. ARENS. About how many people were in the room, and about what was the size of the room that you were in?

The WITNESS. There were about 30 to 50 people in a room like usually an apartment room here in the United States.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir. Go right ahead. You were telling about the signature you were about to affix to this document.

Mr. JACKSON. And obviously, no fifth amendment.

The WITNESS. Yes, that is right.

Yesterday I heard here the hearings that if the witness doesn't want to answer he just says, "I refuse to answer." This was quite fun for me, because such things are not in the Soviet Union. In the Soviet Union there is only one party, the Communist Party; and there is not another party. Whether you want to or not, you have to be with the Communists.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir. You were about to affix your signature to this document.

The WITNESS. I signed this paper because they told me that "if you will not sign we will sign it for you," so that there was no reason not to sign it, and everything is lost.

Mr. ARENS. What happened next?

The WITNESS. From here they took us to Austria, to Baden by Vienna. It is about 20 miles from Vienna.

Mr. ARENS. How did you go. By what mode?

The WITNESS. With trucks, GMC American-made trucks.

Mr. ARENS. Was your father in your company?

The WITNESS. My father was in another truck.

Mr. ARENS. And how many people were in the truck with you?

The WITNESS. In one truck, there were about 30 people in one truck.

Mr. ARENS. What was the nature of the weather at this time?

The WITNESS. The nature of the weather, it was quite cold. It was early springtime; it was the first days of April.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir; go right ahead.

The WITNESS. In Baden by Vienna we were about 2 weeks, and here I was sentenced to 8 years prison with forced labor camp, and my father was sentenced at 15 years labor camp.

Mr. ARENS. Did you have a trial?

The WITNESS. As they say, I had a trial.

Mr. ARENS. I did not understand you.

The WITNESS. The Russians, the Soviets, said that I had a trial, but I don't call this a trial. In about 3 hours there were about 150 men sentenced to different times.

Mr. ARENS. Did you have counsel, a lawyer representing you?

The WITNESS. No such a thing.

Mr. ARENS. Was this document which you signed presented to the forum before which you were sentenced?

The WITNESS. Yes, I think it was the judge who sentenced us to 8 years, who had this paper; and I should add that all this trial was in the Russian language, and I didn't understand—none of us did understand—the whole process what was going on.

Mr. ARENS. Did you know the contents of the document that you signed?

The WITNESS. No; I did not know until now.

Mr. ARENS. You say that they beat you. How did they beat you? With what instruments?

The WITNESS. First the interrogator beat me with a piece of wood, and the second time he hit me with the butt from the stove.

Mr. ARENS. You just concluded in the chronology of your testimony, the trial—such as it was—and the sentencing of yourself for 8 years to a slave labor existence in various slave labor camps, and your father, you said, 15 years: is that correct?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Now, just tell us the next thing that happened.

The WITNESS. The next thing there arrived many railroad cars. They put us in railroad cars. These cars were for animals, not for men.

Mr. ARENS. How many were in the car in which they put you?

The WITNESS. There were about 50 men in 1 car. The cars were all locked, and it was already June at this time, and it was terribly hot inside.

Mr. ARENS. Was your father in the same car you were?

The WITNESS. No, my father was not in the same car.

Mr. ARENS. How many cars were there in the particular train in which you were incarcerated?

The WITNESS. If I tell 40 or 50, I do not lie.

Mr. ARENS. Forty or 50 cars?

The WITNESS. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Did each car have approximately the same number of human beings in it?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Before we proceed further, in the particular car in which you were, what was the percentage of Hungarians and what was the percentage of non-Hungarians who were being taken to the slave labor camps?

The WITNESS. It was about 10 percent Hungarians.

Mr. ARENS. And who were the others?

The WITNESS. The others were Russians, Russian soldiers.

Mr. ARENS. And were there women, as well as men?

The WITNESS. No; the women were separated in the railroad cars.

Mr. ARENS. I mean, were there women in the train, as well as men?

The WITNESS. Oh, yes, there were, but they were separated.

Mr. ARENS. They put the women in different cars?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Were there children?

The WITNESS. No children—I didn't see any.

Mr. ARENS. What was the minimum age? You were then about 16?

The WITNESS. Mostly they were about this same age as I was.

Mr. ARENS. Most of them were young people?

The WITNESS. Yes, 16, 15, 17, 20. Most of them were young people.

Mr. ARENS. They put you in this railroad car with about 50 other people and locked the car; is that correct?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. I do not want to appear at all immodest, but were there any comfort facilities within the railroad car?

The WITNESS. There was a hole made in the car, and this was it.

Mr. ARENS. In the floor of the car?

The WITNESS. In the floor of the car, and this was the restroom for us people.

Mr. ARENS. And were there any water-fountain arrangements in the car?

The WITNESS. No, there was not. We would get water once a day, and they would just put in a bucket of water, and they gave us no jars or anything with which we could drink, and so this water was all spoiled, and nobody could drink any.

Mr. ARENS. Were there arrangements where you could sleep, cots or bedding of any kind?

The WITNESS. You could sleep on your clothes; that was all—on the floor.

Mr. ARENS. Were there guards with weapons to insure the security of the custody?

The WITNESS. Inside the railroad car, of course, there was not, because it was locked. There were two guards on each car with machine-gun on the top.

Mr. ARENS. Were these Russian soldiers?

The WITNESS. Not Russian—Soviet.

Mr. ARENS. How long were you in that car until you were out again on terra firma, out on the soil?

The WITNESS. Pardon?

Mr. ARENS. How long were you in that railroad car?

The WITNESS. About 3 weeks, 2½ to 3 weeks.

Mr. ARENS. You were not outside that railroad car in 3 weeks?

The WITNESS. No; we were not.

Mr. ARENS. Tell us about the food arrangements.

The WITNESS. We got once a day a spoonful of canned meat. This was the meat, the same kind that you can get here, even in America. American canned meat it was. It was American-made meat.

Mr. ARENS. Was there any particular incident in transit in this 3-week period that comes to your mind that you would like to recount?

The WITNESS. We suffered always in that we were very thirsty always. There was not enough water because it was terribly hot, because it was June—the middle of June—and I know that in the other railroad cars many people died; but in our railroad car, fortunately, only 1 died, and he died only in the last day when we arrived to our target.

Mr. ARENS. What happened when the people who were herded in these railroad cars en route to the slave labor camps died? Did they have any ceremony about disposing of them?

The WITNESS. The ceremony was that they put them in the earth, and that was the whole sentiment and nothing else.

Mr. ARENS. Were there any other incidents of consequence that occurred in the particular car in which you were being taken to slave labor camps?

The WITNESS. Well, we arrived in Odessa. This is on the shore near the Black Sea, which is already the Soviet Union. When we arrived we had to walk about 6 miles to the prison. We were so weak that it

was very difficult for us to walk. Finally we arrived in the prison, and I saw here my father, the last time in my life.

Mr. ARENS. Did you visit with him?

The WITNESS. Yes. For 1 hour we came together in a room, because there was a mixup there. They had many people when all these railroad cars arrived, and they didn't know where to put all these people. They just put us all in a couple rooms, and here I met my father.

Mr. ARENS. May I just inquire: In this prison in Odessa, this was not a slave-labor camp you first went to, was it?

The WITNESS. Yes, it was not; this was the first station.

Mr. ARENS. This was what we might call a reception station, in Odessa?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Can you give us just a word about the physical description of this reception station?

The WITNESS. The first impression that you see from outside, it is a usual prison. From inside I never saw another prison because I never was a criminal. Here, I saw the first prison from the inside; it was very overcrowded. In a room there were about 100, 150 to 200 people in 1 room, and we were here about 2 weeks.

Mr. ARENS. Were there women as well as men there?

The WITNESS. Yes, but we were always separated from the women, never in one room with the women.

Mr. ARENS. What percentage of the prisoners in this reception center were Hungarians?

The WITNESS. The same, about, oh, in all this prison I think there may be 5 percent only.

Mr. ARENS. And who were the others?

The WITNESS. The others were, 90 percent were, Russians; and there were very few Austrians; there weren't any Germans this time, because they were not in Germany at this time.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir. You say you were there for just a short time?

The WITNESS. About 2 weeks.

Mr. ARENS. Tell us what transpired next.

The WITNESS. From here I saw my father the last time, and I was put again in a railroad car, and again it was locked.

Mr. ARENS. About the same facilities as before?

The WITNESS. Yes, the same thing; and we went 3 days to Nikolaev. This is in the Soviet Union, of course, too, south from Moscow. This was the first so-called camp that I saw in my life.

Mr. ARENS. Tell us, first of all, what the camp looked like, and secondly, what happened and how long you were there.

The WITNESS. The camp looked like—it was surrounded with wires, I think with electric wires. I didn't touch it, of course. It was surrounded with electric wires, and inside there were about 1,200 people. We were working in a shipyard. We had to walk about 10 miles each way, 10 miles one way and 10 miles back. Our food was miserable. We got about one-half pound of bread a day, and soup once a day, and in the morning we got coffee.

Mr. ARENS. What did you do in this first slave-labor camp in which you were incarcerated?

The WITNESS. I did many things. I worked. I carried bricks. I pushed pushcarts, and construction work.

Mr. ARENS. Did the women work, as well as the men?

The WITNESS. Yes; the women worked the same way as the men.

Mr. ARENS. To what type of work were the women assigned?

The WITNESS. Construction work, the same as I—carried the bricks, pushed pushcart, beat with the hammers, and so on.

Mr. ARENS. How did your fellow prisoners fare under this regime?

The WITNESS. I didn't understand.

Mr. ARENS. How did they get along? How did they do?

The WITNESS. Well, for the most of us, this was the first camp; and we thought that really, if we would work, then our food will be better, and everybody of us tried to work the best, tried to do the best what he could. But later on when we saw that it is the same thing, whether you work or don't work, of course, everybody didn't want to work always.

Mr. ARENS. What would happen if a person didn't work quite hard enough?

The WITNESS. Just as I told; they would drive him to work, but they didn't beat him. There was no beatings.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir. Then what was the next occurrence?

The WITNESS. I was here in this camp about 6 weeks.

Mr. WILLIS. Did you get paid for that work?

The WITNESS. No, sir. In slave-labor camps, nobody gets in the Soviet Union paid.

Mr. ARENS. Did you ever learn how many people are presently, or were a year and a half ago when you were over there, in slave-labor camps in the Soviet Union?

The WITNESS. When I came home from the Soviet Union, this time Khrushchev took over the Government, and this time there were about 30 million, I think.

Mr. ARENS. 30 million in about the same status as you were?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Political prisoners?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir let us revert to your theme.

The WITNESS. Later—I should add this too—that later, when Khrushchev came to the Government he freed about 10 million, I am sure.

Mr. ARENS. So there would be, as of now, a rough estimate of about 20 million in these slave-labor camps?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Let us proceed, if you please. You told us about this first slave-labor camp you were in and this construction work. You were there how long—about 6 weeks?

The WITNESS. I was there about 6 weeks.

Mr. ARENS. Then what happened?

The WITNESS. From here we shipped in a ship to Gherson. This is in Ukraine. This was a farm camp.

Mr. ARENS. Tell us about your experiences, if any of particular consequence, on this ship.

The WITNESS. The same thing like in the railroad cars, overcrowded ship. It took about one and a half days to go to our target.

Mr. ARENS. What was the weather like?

The WITNESS. The weather was summertime, hot. There was no water inside, of course.

Mr. ARENS. How many people were in the ship?

The WITNESS. This I don't know, I didn't count them.

Mr. ARENS. Did you have bunks and little cabins to sleep in, or other facilities?

The WITNESS. No; just inside, under the deck of the ship.

Mr. ARENS. Down in the hold, is that it?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. How about your food on this ship?

The WITNESS. Here we got food twice a day, canned beans.

Mr. ARENS. Were you likewise under the guns of the Soviet soldiers?

The WITNESS. The soldiers were not inside; they were outside. They were on the deck of the ship.

Mr. ARENS. And the slave laborers were down in the hold?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Did any of the people perish in this process?

The WITNESS. Perish?

Mr. ARENS. Did they die, any of them?

The WITNESS. No; I don't think so.

Mr. ARENS. Not on the ship?

The WITNESS. Not on this ship.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir; what happened after the ship arrived at its destination?

The WITNESS. We arrived in a farm camp.

Mr. ARENS. A farm camp?

The WITNESS. A farm camp, yes. Gherson, in Ukraine.

Mr. ARENS. A farm camp in the Ukraine?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Tell us about that, please, sir.

The WITNESS. In this camp was, of course, no electricity, no water. Our food was what we could find on the fields. In this field were grown tomatoes, pickles, cabbages, and so forth.

Mr. ARENS. What did you do on this farm camp?

The WITNESS. I worked.

Mr. ARENS. What type of work?

The WITNESS. I don't know the right expression for this in English.

Mr. ARENS. Did you do farm work?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Farm labor work?

The WITNESS. Yes, just farm labor work, like here, but not with tractors, of course not.

Mr. ARENS. Hand tools?

The WITNESS. Just hand tools, yes.

Mr. ARENS. How many people were in this slave-labor camp?

The WITNESS. In this camp, where I was, were about 500 people.

Mr. ARENS. Were women there, as well as men?

The WITNESS. Yes, there were women there, too.

Mr. ARENS. And did they do the handwork, too?

The WITNESS. Yes, of course, they did the same.

Mr. ARENS. What were the living conditions there?

The WITNESS. I was in this camp 11 months. I didn't change my underwear not once. We were very dirty and we had no opportunity to wash ourselves, and it was just terrible.

Mr. ARENS. Were most of the people in this camp likewise prisoners, likewise Russians?

The WITNESS. Yes; mostly Ukrainians. They were mostly Ukrainian people.

Mr. ARENS. You, of course, had an opportunity to talk with them and find out why they were there, did you not?

The WITNESS. This time I didn't know too well Russian, although I knew some, because—I don't know—I learned quite quickly the language. These Ukrainian people were all the same people as we were. They were captured from home. That is why, because the Communists—the Stalin regime thought that they would be against Communist system in the Ukraine.

Mr. ARENS. Now, kindly tell us what happened next, of consequence, in the sequence of your imprisonment.

The WITNESS. After 11 months I was taken to another collection prison, to Dnepropetrovsk.

Mr. ARENS. Where was that, in that general area?

The WITNESS. Dnepropetrovsk is in the Ukraine, too; it is by the River Dnieper.

Mr. ARENS. And you went by the same mode, in a railroad car?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Crowded with other people?

The WITNESS. Yes, same thing.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir.

The WITNESS. Here we were examined by doctors; and after this examination, they separated the young and the healthy men and they put all of us in a railroad car again and they told us that we would be shipped to Siberia.

Mr. ARENS. Were you one of the persons who was selected to go to Siberia?

The WITNESS. Yes, I was.

Mr. ARENS. And that was because you were relatively healthy, is that correct?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. You had no choice in the matter?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Were you interrogated in any respect?

The WITNESS. No, I was not interrogated.

Mr. ARENS. When you said "Yes" a minute ago, you meant "No," did you not? You weren't consulted as to whether or not you would go to work in Siberia?

The WITNESS. Of course they didn't ask me. Just after the examination they saw that I am comparatively healthy and they took me.

Mr. ARENS. Then were you put in railroad cars again to be shipped to Siberia?

The WITNESS. In these railroad cars we were already not so many people inside. We were about 25 to 30.

Mr. ARENS. With about the same facilities?

The WITNESS. Yes, but the food was much better. We got, I think, twice or three times a day food, and we got water enough. We got jars,

so we were not suffering; we were not thirsty and we were not so much hungry.

MR. ARENS. All right, sir. Now, kindly proceed. Just how long did it take you to get to Siberia in this railroad car?

THE WITNESS. This took exactly 31 days.

MR. ARENS. Were you out of the car at any time in the 31 days?

THE WITNESS. No, we were not. We were locked in all the time.

MR. ARENS. What was the weather condition?

THE WITNESS. Fortunately, this was in November and fortunately it was not so cold in the first part of the transportation. Only the next 3 days was quite cold, and they gave us an oven in the railroad car.

MR. ARENS. They gave you an oven?

THE WITNESS. An oven, yes.

MR. ARENS. Did they give you warm clothing?

THE WITNESS. What, please?

MR. ARENS. Did they give you warm clothing?

THE WITNESS. No; they didn't give us. They gave us wood.

MR. ARENS. They gave you wood to burn in the stove to keep warm in the railroad car?

THE WITNESS. Yes.

MR. ARENS. Were there other cars in this train with prisoners in them enroute to Siberia?

THE WITNESS. Yes, of course, about 40 or 50 cars.

MR. ARENS. Tell us what occurred when you arrived in Siberia.

MR. JACKSON. May I ask a question, Mr. Chairman?

MR. WILLIS. Yes.

MR. JACKSON. As to these cars, were there windows in the cars?

THE WITNESS. These cars were made for animal transportation, and there were 4 little windows on the top of the car. It was very high. We couldn't look out from that.

MR. JACKSON. Air came through there for ventilation?

THE WITNESS. Yes; that is true.

MR. WILLIS. Didn't they let you out now and then to let you walk around, to exercise, to limber up?

THE WITNESS. No. For 31 days it was quite difficult. It is not so easy to take so many railroad cars through whole Russia, so that nobody can see. We were always moving only in the night, and in the daytime we were on a sidetrack somewhere in the railroad station.

MR. WILLIS. So far as the people were concerned, if there were, let us say, an American tourist who happened to be around the railroad track when it went by, nobody would know who was in those cars?

THE WITNESS. Nobody would know, nobody would know. From the outside it looks like animals are inside the cars. But we met in many stations people in Siberia, who knew that inside these cars are people; and everywhere we could see only sympathy from these people; and they gave us food.

They dropped through this little window food and they gave us good words; and I can tell you, nowhere could I see anything but sympathy from these people. We got always sympathy from these people.

MR. ARENS. That is, the Russian people, by and large, who were the victims of the regime?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir. Now you have arrived at this point of destination in Siberia.

The WITNESS. We have arrived at Bukhta Nakhodka, which is the name. It is about 70 miles from Vladivostok. It is on the shore from the sea, and in this big receiving camp was already about 40 thousand people.

Mr. ARENS. What was the nature of this camp, just a receiving camp?

The WITNESS. Yes, just a receiving camp.

Mr. ARENS. A reception center?

The WITNESS. A reception center.

Mr. ARENS. Were there women, as well as men?

The WITNESS. Yes; there were women. There was no work in there.

Mr. ARENS. No work in that camp?

The WITNESS. No.

Mr. ARENS. What happened next, please?

The WITNESS. Of course, in this camp were terrible conditions: again no water, very little food, and there happened here many funny things in this camp. I can give you a little episode. Once there was a man standing beside the wire fence of the camp and he was looking to the tower where a Russian soldier watched us with a machinegun, and later this man recognized that this soldier was his son.

Mr. ARENS. The man recognized that the man who was holding the machinegun was his own son?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. What happened then?

The WITNESS. Of course there was a big scandal, and this soldier was taken away. I don't know what happened to him.

Mr. ARENS. How long were you in this reception center in Siberia?

The WITNESS. In this reception center I was about 2 weeks. We were loaded in a ship. I should tell that the ship was American.

Mr. ARENS. You were loaded in an American ship?

The WITNESS. Yes, but with Russian letters on it.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir; then what happened?

The WITNESS. We were loaded, about 3,000 or 4,000 men in this ship, and the conditions were terrible inside.

Mr. ARENS. This was an American-made ship but it was manned by Russians. It must have been some of the Lend-Lease.

The WITNESS. Yes, exactly.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir. Three or four thousand people were in that ship?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. And what was the weather like?

The WITNESS. The weather was already cold.

Mr. ARENS. How cold?

The WITNESS. It was wintertime. Here on this shore it was about freezing temperature; but later, when we got out in the ocean, it was about 25 or 30 degrees below zero Centigrade. I don't know how much it is Fahrenheit.

Mr. ARENS. Did you have nice warm clothing to make the journey?

The WITNESS. Nobody gave us any clothes. We had just what we had from home.

Mr. ARENS. What were your accommodations on the ship?

The WITNESS. We were inside the ship and we had nothing—if somebody wanted to go to the rest room he had to go upstairs to the deck, on the deck on the ship.

Mr. ARENS. There was no rest room?

The WITNESS. Inside the ship there was not.

Mr. ARENS. And where were these several thousand people kept in the ship?

The WITNESS. Inside the ship, under the deck.

Mr. ARENS. Down in the hold?

The WITNESS. Down in the hold.

Mr. ARENS. What were the conditions there?

The WITNESS. There were many, many people downstairs, so that we couldn't move.

Mr. ARENS. Did anybody die?

The WITNESS. Oh, they died; many, many people during this trip.

Mr. ARENS. Many died?

The WITNESS. This trip took about 6 days.

Mr. ARENS. What did they do when they died?

The WITNESS. These people who died, the Soviet soldiers dropped them just overboard in the ocean; they didn't identify who it was. Just they dropped them in the sea, in the ocean, in the water.

Mr. ARENS. Now, at the end of the 6 days' journey in this ship, what happened?

The WITNESS. I should add this, too, that during the 6 days I didn't drink any water, not one drop of water; and that is why I didn't eat anything, not only I, but many of the other prisoners.

Mr. ARENS. Was that because you didn't have the water available?

The WITNESS. Because it was so miserably organized, this whole thing, that you can't give for every man a jar. They give buckets of water inside and you—when you get over 3,000 men, everybody wants to drink and the water was spilled out and nobody could drink anything.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir.

The WITNESS. And they gave us salt fish so we were terribly thirsty and exhausted, terribly. We arrived on the sixth day at Magadan, which is a nice little town. It is right across from Alaska, the same line.

Mr. ARENS. Up in Siberia, just across from Alaska?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. What happened there?

The WITNESS. When we arrived, there was already snow there, and there was big snow and it was very, very cold. Our clothes were wet inside from the transportation, and all the clothes were frozen on us, and we were so terribly thirsty that we ate snow all the way. We had to walk about 10 miles to our receiving camp and we ate snow during the way because we were so terribly dried out.

Mr. ARENS. How many people were there in this particular center where you had been taken?

The WITNESS. When we arrived at this center there were very few people, only the three thousand or four thousand people that was on our ship.

Mr. ARENS. Were there women, as well as men?

The WITNESS. Yes, sir; there were women, as well as men; yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. What was the camp that you were then lodged in and what did you do there?

The WITNESS. This was a receiving camp, too; and here the first time they gave us brand-new clothes, cotton clothes, underwear, shoes, and they told us to keep these clothes, because we will not get any more.

From here they selected people for work in the coal mines, gold mines, and lead mines.

Mr. ARENS. Were these gold mines, coal mines, and lead mines in the immediate vicinity?

The WITNESS. No, they were not. They were about a thousand, five hundred miles radius from this camp.

Mr. ARENS. Were you selected to work in one of these places?

The WITNESS. No, fortunately I was not. I was very weak and I was already very sick. They put me in the hospital.

Mr. JACKSON. May I ask a question here?

You say you were sick and you were weak. What, do you recall, was your weight when you were taken as a boy in Budapest?

The WITNESS. Pardon?

Mr. JACKSON. How heavy were you?

The WITNESS. When I was taken?

Mr. JACKSON. Yes.

The WITNESS. From home?

Mr. JACKSON. Yes.

The WITNESS. I was about 60 kilograms which is about 130-140 pounds.

Mr. JACKSON. It is hard to relate it because you were growing during that period. But how much did you weigh when you were at this last camp?

The WITNESS. I was 40 kilograms, which is about 80 pounds, 90 pounds, I guess.

Mr. JACKSON. Down from 130 pounds as a boy of sixteen, to about 80 or 90 pounds?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. JACKSON. You were how old at this time?

The WITNESS. This was all in 1946. I was sixteen and a half, seventeen years.

Mr. JACKSON. Thank you.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir. What happened next with reference to yourself?

Mr. JACKSON. May I ask one question at this point? Did you hear from home or write to your people during this time?

The WITNESS. No, I had no opportunity to hear from anybody at home, and not only I, but even the Russian people who were living in Russia, didn't get any letters from their relatives, and the post was not working at this time in Russia.

Mr. ARENS. What happened to your father?

The WITNESS. My father died in Odessa in 1945.

Mr. ARENS. You learned that subsequently?

The WITNESS. I learned that from another Hungarian fellow who saw him die.

Mr. JACKSON. He was in a camp at the time he died?

The WITNESS. Yes, he was in this prison in Odessa. It was over there.

Mr. ARENS. Now, kindly tell us, if you please, the next significant occurrence. You have found yourself now in this reception center again, where you told us they were selecting people to work in these mines.

The WITNESS. Yes, I was. They put me in a hospital. The hospital was comparatively clean. There was enough water. We were never thirsty in the hospital. I was here about one month, and they shipped me to another hospital about 400 miles from this place, from Magadan, 400 miles north.

Mr. ARENS. Did they operate on you in the hospital?

The WITNESS. Not in this hospital. They operated on me where they shipped me.

Mr. ARENS. That was because of the injury that was inflicted on you en route in the ship to the place, was it not?

The WITNESS. Yes, it was; I had a bad back injury. In 1949 a fellow German prisoner operated on me, and I can thank him for my life, because I would have died, I am sure.

Mr. JACKSON. You say a fellow prisoner operated?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. How long were you in the hospital then?

The WITNESS. I was lucky, because I was in this hospital about until 1950. I could get a job in this hospital.

Mr. ARENS. You mean as a prisoner?

The WITNESS. As a prisoner.

Mr. ARENS. Assigned there?

The WITNESS. Yes. This hospital was specially for the prisoners.

Mr. ARENS. Your father was a medical doctor?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. You had a rudimentary knowledge of certain phases of medicine?

The WITNESS. Yes, and they were very short in medical personnel in this time, and I worked in this hospital in the pharmacy, and so I had here a better life, much better life, than the other prisoners had.

Mr. ARENS. Did you see the other prisoners as they came and went to the mines?

The WITNESS. Here I had the opportunity to see this terrible injustice and terrible thing what was going on in this time in the Soviet slave-labor camps. The people were exhausted. They died, many, many hundred thousand people in these camps. The roads over there were built on the bones of these poor people, and nobody cared about this.

Mr. ARENS. Did they have any uranium mines over there?

The WITNESS. I don't know this exactly, whether it was or not. After 1950 I was shipped to a mine. It was called a lead mine, but everybody knew that this is not lead, because it was so heavy, the stuff was, that we thought it was uranium. I am not sure.

Mr. ARENS. Did they fly it out of there in special planes?

The WITNESS. Yes. This compound right away they took in airplanes and they shipped it to inside Russia, I don't know where.

Mr. ARENS. Was it about 1950 that you were out of the hospital and in this mine?

The WITNESS. Yes, it was in 1950.

Mr. ARENS. And where did you work in the mine, where was the mine?

The WITNESS. I worked inside that lead mine with very primitive tools, and everything was made with hands, no special mine equipment. This time they had not. Now they have.

Mr. ARENS. What did you do in the mines?

The WITNESS. I pushed pushcarts and shoveled this compound. Later on I was again lucky. They found out that I understood some from medicine and they sent me in a forest to take care of some prisoners who were working over there in this forest.

Mr. ARENS. They sent you there as a type of medical practitioner, is that correct?

The WITNESS. Yes. First I had to work in this forest to cut woods, and to do the same job as the others did. But later on they found out that I understood some from this medicine, and I took care of these prisoners for the ill and for the sick there.

Mr. ARENS. Did the work in the forest follow your work in the mines? Was that the next slave-labor camp you were in?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. How long did you work in the mines?

The WITNESS. In the mines, I would say 4 months, I think, something like that.

Mr. ARENS. How long after that did you work in the forest?

The WITNESS. In the forest I worked until 1952, and from here I was freed.

Mr. ARENS. You had served your 8 years, is that correct?

The WITNESS. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Now, when you were freed, what happened?

The WITNESS. When I was freed, they put me in a little town—you can call it a town or a village, I don't know—there were a couple houses over there and it was a big factory, and they told me that I would have to work here and it is not allowed for me to go anywhere from this place.

Mr. ARENS. This was still in Siberia?

The WITNESS. Of course—in Siberia.

Mr. ARENS. You had served your 8 years and you were free from the slave-labor camp?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. But sent to a factory in Siberia to work?

The WITNESS. Yes. About 200 miles from this camp where I was.

Mr. ARENS. And how long did you work in this factory?

The WITNESS. In this factory I worked until 1955. Until 1955, May.

Mr. ARENS. And you were paid in the factory a small sum, were you not?

The WITNESS. Yes, I was paid here. Here I got the same salary as the other Russians, so-called free Russians.

Mr. ARENS. Please give us a word about that salary. What is the nature of the pay that they got in this factory?

The WITNESS. I should add this: that everybody who is working in the High North in High Siberia gets a higher salary like inside Russia, and so I got for a starting salary 880 rubles.

Mr. ARENS. What is that in American money, roughly speaking?

The WITNESS. This is very hard to translate into Hungarian money.

Mr. ARENS. In American money.

The WITNESS. For 800 rubles you could buy, let's see, you could buy a no-good suit.

Mr. ARENS. And that 800 rubles was for working how long?

The WITNESS. For 1 month.

Mr. ARENS. For 1 month you got 800 rubles?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. With this you could buy a no-good suit?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. How much food would that 800 rubles a month give you?

The WITNESS. Two pounds of butter, cost 30 rubles—32 rubles was the price.

Mr. ARENS. 32 rubles for 2 pounds of butter?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Was your 800 rubles that you received for your labor in this factory adequate to maintain yourself?

The WITNESS. It was exactly enough that took care of food and the apartment.

Mr. ARENS. Could you leave the community to which you were assigned?

The WITNESS. No, I could not. If I wanted to leave I had to ask the commandant from this place, and to ask him that he allows me to leave this place.

Mr. ARENS. Were there guards around the community?

The WITNESS. No, there were not. Of course, in this community there were other labor camps, but I was not in the labor camps, and the guards didn't watch me.

Mr. ARENS. How long were you in this community, working in this factory to which you were assigned?

The WITNESS. I told you—about two and a half years. I worked here in a tractor factory. They made this tractor. It is an exact copy from the tractors we are using here in the United States, this particular tractor.

Mr. ARENS. Please tell us when it was that you were permitted to leave the factory community to return to your homeland.

The WITNESS. I wrote many times to the Soviet Supreme Court that I wanted to go home; that now I served my 8 years, or already it was 10, and I didn't know anything about my relatives in Hungary. I couldn't get any letter from them, and I wrote them many times. I should add this, too, that in these times Stalin died already. It was Khrushchev in the government, and I wrote many times to the supreme court, and they didn't answer me never. Once I got a letter from the Hungarian Embassy in Moscow. In it they sent all of my papers to Budapest, Hungary, to manage my transportation to Hungary.

Mr. ARENS. You were saving money from these 800 rubles in order to pay your transportation back when that day would arrive?

The WITNESS. Yes; I knew that my transportation will not be paid, because in Russia they don't pay that, and I had to save money for my transportation.

Mr. ARENS. What year was this that you were finally released from this city or this community?

The WITNESS. 1955.

Mr. ARENS. Now, I suggest, Mr. Chairman, if it is agreeable with yourself and the committee, it will be well to give the witness a few moments rest; and then we will resume, if you please, Mr. Chairman, with his experiences in the Hungarian revolution.

Mr. WILLIS. I notice that someone in the audience has a camera. I know there is no evil motive behind it, but I caution you no pictures are to be taken.

Mr. WILLIS. We will stand in recess for a few moments.

(Subcommittee members present: Representatives Willis and Jackson.)

(At this point a short recess was taken, after which the hearing was resumed.)

(Subcommittee members present: Representatives Willis and Jackson.)

Mr. WILLIS. I want to repeat the admonition, sincerely given: Please, no pictures. You can see for yourself the reason we make this request of all members of the press and all our guests in the audience. If a flash bulb or anything is exhibited, I will have to ask the marshal to retire anyone who does that.

Proceed.

Mr. ARENS. Just before the recess you had told us, in essence, that you concluded a period of service of some 8 years in slave-labor camps and a period of, I believe, 2 years——

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. —in which you were assigned to a factory in Siberia?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. And that you were able to eke out of your wages in the factory sufficient sums to pay your transportation back to your native Hungary, to Budapest?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. I suggest, if it is agreeable with you in the sequence of your testimony, that you resume by telling us what transpired immediately upon your arrival at Budapest?

Mr. WILLIS. What year are we in now?

The WITNESS. We are in 1955, in June.

Mr. WILLIS. And you left Hungary when?

The WITNESS. 1945, February.

Mr. WILLIS. All right.

The WITNESS. I arrived home. My mother didn't know about me, anything, during these 10 years, only that I was in Moscow. I was in Moscow about 9 days and from Moscow I have sent my mother a telegram that I am alive and I will be home soon.

Mr. ARENS. Excuse me just a moment. I don't like to disrupt the theme of your testimony. You say you were in Moscow 9 days. That is, en route back to Budapest?

The WITNESS. Yes, during the trip.

Mr. ARENS. Was there anything of significance that crossed your mind, or anything of significance when you visited Moscow on your way back?

The WITNESS. Yes, I had opportunity to look around in this town. From the outside, Moscow is a quite nice town, clean, wide streets; but if you will look from inside, the houses and the living conditions, the people, this is just terrible. Here in the United States the American people are used to lights; they are living in large apartments with bathrooms, with television, and with cars. I must tell you that this is not in Russia. They are way behind the United States, I think if I tell 50 years, I will tell the truth, in these living conditions. Of course, maybe they have Sputnik but I think this is another question.

Mr. ARENS. Then you arrived in Budapest. Kindly resume the theme of your testimony at that point, please.

The WITNESS. When I arrived home I couldn't find a job. First of all, the people in Hungary were very sympathetic to me, but the bosses from all these factories and working places were afraid to hire me because I was for 10 years in the slave-labor camps.

Mr. ARENS. Your mother and another relative were there in Budapest when you arrived?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Still living there?

The WITNESS. Yes, still living in the same apartment. They didn't bother her never.

So I drove a truck. I drove a truck about one and a half years, until the Hungarian revolution broke out. I worked 16 hours a day, and the wages translate in American money is about one pack of cigarettes an hour.

Mr. ARENS. I wonder if you could state that again. I don't think it was very distinct for our reporter.

The WITNESS. The wages that I could earn as a truck driver, to translate in American money, was about one pack of cigarettes in an hour.

Mr. ARENS. That would be equivalent to about twenty-five cents an hour in American money, apparently.

The WITNESS. Just about. I got 3 forints an hour. For 3 forints you could get a pack of cigarettes.

Mr. ARENS. Go right ahead, please, sir.

The WITNESS. I worked as a truck driver until 1956, October the 23d, when the Hungarian revolution broke out against the Soviet suppression.

Mr. ARENS. Can you keep your voice up just a little, please?

The WITNESS. I worked until 1956, October the 23d, until the Hungarian revolution broke out.

Mr. ARENS. Please tell us about that now, from the standpoint of your own experiences.

The WITNESS. I worked in the nightshift on this date when the revolution broke out, and I didn't know anything about the revolution or what was going on. I knew that there was a demonstration in the streets, but I didn't know anything about that because I was working; and on the night of October 23, I wandered across the bridge through the River Danube, and the Hungarian Freedom Fighters stopped me and they wanted to take away my truck because they needed it. I didn't give it to them. They told me, "All right then, come you with us."

Mr. WILLIS. They said what?

The WITNESS. Said, "If you don't want to give us the truck," they told me, "then go fight with us," with the Freedom Fighters.

I told them "All right," and they sent me to a factory which is the biggest factory in Hungary. This is right in Budapest.

Mr. WILLIS. You mean the Freedom Fighters sent you there?

The WITNESS. Yes—with the truck, they sent me. They sent me in this region where I was living, where there are the workers from this big industry center, and these workers were already waiting in trucks. There were already many trucks over there, and we were carrying all these workers inside the town in Budapest. I made several trips back and forth, and I don't know how many I brought, about 150 people.

Mr. ARENS. Would you please raise your voice a little? We are having some difficulty hearing you.

The WITNESS. I brought about 150 people to inside the town. When I brought them in, there was already shooting in Budapest. They were already there. The Russians came in; and after short fighting, the Russians went out from Budapest, because they had, I think, quite a few troubles with their garrison over there. They didn't want to fight. I saw myself—I saw a tank division of about 40 or 50 tanks who didn't want to fire on the Hungarian Freedom Fighters. And of course, these tanks were all taken out from Budapest.

Mr. ARENS. I want to be sure the record is clear on this. Are you saying, in essence, that the Russians, after the first volleys were fired—

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. —retired their troops because a number of their troops and a number of the tank commanders did not want to fire against the helpless Hungarians?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Is that correct?

The WITNESS. Not helpless Hungarians. They sympathized with the Hungarians. This was the garrison that was stationed in Hungary.

Mr. ARENS. The garrison of Russian troops in Hungary was sympathetic to the Hungarian people?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. All right, sir. Proceed, if you please.

The WITNESS. And this was, of course, partly because, I think, even the Russians didn't know what happened in Budapest. It happened from one place to another; so we thought that we were free, and we called to the free nations, the first thing, to the United States, for help. And we got everything but weapons. We got medicine, we got food, we got clothes, but weapons we didn't get.

Everybody in Hungary was hoping that the Western World would help us because we knew very well that we cannot be free without any help from the Western countries.

We were free until October 4, 1956, October 3—excuse me, October 3, in the night, in the morning.

Mr. ARENS. Are you sure you don't mean November?

The WITNESS. November. Excuse me. Yes, November.

Mr. WILLIS. Let's get the record straight. As I understand it, the revolution broke out on October 23.

The WITNESS. October 23, yes.

Mr. WILLIS. And you were, free, until November 3.

The WITNESS. Until November 3, yes.

Mr. WILLIS. A little over 2 weeks.

The WITNESS. About. On November 3 they came into Budapest 4,000 fresh Soviet Mongol tanks from inside Russia.

Mr. ARENS. Did you say troops or tanks?

The WITNESS. 4,000 Mongol tanks. The tanks were 4,000. They ran into the town. There were, of course, many destroyed from these tanks, but 4,000 tanks—I don't know—if you can imagine how strong can be 4,000 tanks. This is just a terrible force.

Mr. ARENS. About how many of the Hungarians were massacred by those tanks?

The WITNESS. As to the Hungarian losses, I heard they were about 25,000. There were 25,000 people shot for nothing, because they wanted only freedom, and this is typical Russian Soviet colonialization, what they made in their country and all these satellite countries now.

Mr. JACKSON. May I ask a question, Counsel? How did the Freedom Fighters manage to destroy tanks?

The WITNESS. To fight in a town, in a big town, with tanks, is very difficult, because the driver of the tank cannot see farther than ahead of him and he cannot see on the houses, on the tops of the houses; and if you just drop on the tank a bottle of gasoline, it burns the tank, and the whole tank burns, and they can't do anything. So I heard that there were destroyed about 700 Soviet tanks in this battle over there. I have several pictures with me from this whole massacre, what they did.

Mr. ARENS. You took those pictures yourself?

The WITNESS. Yes, I did.

Mr. ARENS. You have pictures with you, showing the terrible devastation there in Budapest, do you not?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Do you have also pictures showing the destruction in the very home in which you were living?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Now, we are in a period in which the Russian tanks have inflicted 25,000-odd casualties—

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Upon the Freedom Fighters and the Hungarians?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. And have, I take it, resumed control of Budapest?

The WITNESS. Yes; they controlled all the important places, the post office, the Parliament, and of course, everything.

Mr. ARENS. And then tell us, if you please, what you did, after the resumption of control.

The WITNESS. I saw that it is not reasonable to fight against these 4,000 tanks, and it will do me no good from this, and I saw we didn't get any help from the United Nations. I decided to escape by the first chance, to the free world.

Mr. ARENS. Tell us the pattern of the escape, if you please.

The WITNESS. On November the 21st—

Mr. ARENS. What year?

The WITNESS. 1956—I and a couple more Freedom Fighters—and I didn't know them before, I learned of them only during this period of time—decided to escape. I stole a truck, and I drove to the Hungarian-Austrian border. We were stopped many times from the Russians, but since I speak perfect Russian and fluently, and I know the spirit of these Russian soldiers, I talked to them and they let us go. I gave all of them a bottle of vodka, and they were very happy. They let us go.

And right on the Austrian border, there was a Russian tank division, and here the vodka didn't help. They stopped us and they forced everybody out from the truck, and we told them that we are going to work right on the border in this Government's interest and we are working for the People's nation, and such. We told them, and they didn't believe that. It was Russian sergeant, I think it was a sergeant. He told that he will radio to his headquarters and let them find out who we are. This was night time, about 11 o'clock in the night, and I told this Russian that we are very tired, let us go, and I had a paper and I can prove myself that we are all right, we are not enemies; and I talked to him so much that probably he was tired, too, or what, I don't know, but he told me, "All right, go ahead."

So we drove about a half mile and we met this Russian chief that came for us, but the chief didn't know that we were the fellows that they are looking for, and so we drove through the border and we arrived in Austria. We were very happy that this was the first step in the free world, and I went to the United States Embassy, the first thing, in Vienna and I asked asylum from the Austrian Government. They were very kind to us, and the United States Embassy gave me a quota on the Refugee Program and in 3 weeks, December 18, I arrived in the United States from there. I am here very happy, and I like this country very much.

Mr. ARENS. And you are living presently in the South?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. I have just 2 or 3 questions of a general nature. I hold in my hand a very fine magazine, published and circulated here in the South, called The Atlantan Magazine.

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. A very fine magazine, we understand. In this magazine, one of the roving editors, or someone on the magazine, had an interview with an Atlanta Communist on certain of the problems connected with this operation; and the interview with this Atlanta Communist is published in the magazine. I would like to get your response to some of the questions which were posed to this particular American Communist.

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. I will give you the questions and then I will give you the answer, and see if you agree with the answer that was given.

Question: Do you seriously believe Russia, having once established dominance, would surrender her sovereignty over these nations?

The answer is: "Yes."

Question: Even though all previous evidence discloses a notable lack of willingness on the part of Russia to surrender any hold it might have on a satellite nation?

The answer is:

Yes. And I resent your use of the term "satellite nations." Such countries as Poland, Hungary, and others have communist governments because the people themselves have so chosen.

Now, Mr. Witness, what is your reaction to that? Are the people of Poland, Hungary, and the other what we would call Iron Curtain nations, in sympathy with the regime which is in power?

The WITNESS. Those people have not chosen the Communist Government over there. They didn't choose it because they hadn't the choice. The Communist system is so that you can't choose; you can vote only for one man, and that is all what you can do, and there is no reason not to vote, because you get only in trouble. So they get, of course, 99½ percent in votes. So I can tell you that from this.

Mr. WILLIS. You have only one candidate?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. WILLIS. Only one party?

The WITNESS. Only one party, only the Communist Party, nothing else; only the Communist Party in these Communist blocs. In Russia, it is only the Communist Party, nothing else. And I can tell you that these people in eastern European countries are very hopeful that once the Western states will wake up to recognize this terrible danger what is now in the world.

Mr. ARENS. I should like to ask you—or call your attention to another question and answer, which was posed to a local Communist here, according to this very fine magazine. They asked him this—He is an American Communist:

How do you explain the actions of Russia in Hungary, when the revolt of the Hungarian people was so ruthlessly stamped out with the aid of Russian soldiers?

This American Southern Communist gave this reply:

* * * It was not a revolt of the Hungarian people, but a disturbance created and fostered by Fascist elements within Hungary. In fact, Russia was protecting the people of Hungary by helping to put down these disorders.

On the basis of your background and experience, what observation would you make in response to that question?

The WITNESS. This man who gives this interview, he is a man, I think, who is reading only Communist propaganda and he believes it, you just can't tell him what is the truth, because it is no reason to him, because he is a fanatic. So if you tell him this is not true, he never will believe that; but this was a Fascistic uprising in Hungary, he tells that from the Communist propaganda. Everything which is not Communist is Fascistic. Even they say America is Fascistic and they say that France is Fascistic, everything is Fascistic except the Communists.

Mr. ARENS. Now, Mr. Witness, just one final question: In the course of the last 2 days here we have had just a sampling before this committee of hard-core zealots of the Communist conspiracy in the United States. I don't believe you have had the occasion to hear all of their testimony before this committee.

The WITNESS. No, I have not.

Mr. ARENS. They are working zealously, night and day, fanatically, in the interests of the international Communist movement. Do you, having lived in a Communist regime under the dictatorship of communism, have any message you would like to leave with these Ameri-

can Communists who are working feverishly on behalf of the international Communist movement?

The WITNESS. I think that these people are honest people. I think that these people do not know what really Soviet communism is. They support an idea that is false, that is not true, that is only the propaganda, that is all lies; and they believe that. And I think that we can help only this way, as this man, whose questions and answers you read, that you should tell them really the truth.

Yesterday I was here, briefly, and I heard a couple of the witnesses' testimony in the hearings, and I am sure that there were a couple of gentlemen here, and they believe that really the Communist system is better than the system of the United States of America, but they don't know. They read only books from these Communist writers. They never were inside Russia or they never were in a satellite country like Poland, Hungary, China, and you can call all of them. These people do not know what they support, and this is my feeling about these people. I think that they are not right, that now in this difficult situation what is now in the world, that they oppose the United States.

Mr. ARENS. You have not described it, but you were able, also, to procure the escape of your mother from Hungary, were you not?

The WITNESS. Pardon me?

Mr. ARENS. Your mother.

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. She has likewise, by certain devices, escaped from Hungary?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. And she is likewise living with you in the South?

The WITNESS. Yes, she is.

Mr. ARENS. But you do have certain connections over there and certain relatives?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Whom you must protect?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that so far as the staff interrogation is concerned, that will conclude our interrogation of this witness.

Mr. WILLIS. Well, sir, I think you have made a great contribution to this subcommittee and, through us, to the Congress of the United States and to the people.

I wish more people throughout the United States, not only the few here present in Atlanta, could have had the opportunity to hear your story about the machinations of the Communist conspiracy. We are very grateful to you and wish you much happiness in this area.

The WITNESS. Thank you.

Mr. WILLIS. And I hope that you will have occasion to talk to people and tell them what this thing is all about, that we, of this committee, are trying to fight.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, I certainly want to associate myself with what you have said with respect to testimony given by this witness, and also to agree that it is a shame that a great many more people cannot see the side of the Soviet State and the Soviet system that is sometimes hidden from view by the smiling face of the Soviet ambassador to the United States.

I have a couple of brief questions: As a 16-year-old boy—and you were 16 years old at the time you were taken by the Soviet Secret Police—

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. JACKSON. Had you taken any part in politics?

The WITNESS. Before?

Mr. JACKSON. Before that.

The WITNESS. No, never. I went to school.

Mr. JACKSON. You attended no anti-Communist rallies or meetings?

The WITNESS. No.

Mr. JACKSON. What was your principal interest in life at that time?

The WITNESS. Well, girls.

Mr. WILLIS. I think you will get along all right in the South.

Mr. JACKSON. During the many years of your confinement in and out of concentration camps, slave-labor camps, you must have given a considerable amount of thought to the question of why the Soviets would take a child of 16 and send him to slave-labor camps; did you not?

The WITNESS. Yes, I have thought many times about this question myself, and I have the answer. They needed laborers. They hadn't any. The whole Soviet Union was destroyed, and I should add this, too, that the Germans did terrible things in the Soviet Union. They just killed many, many people over there; and the Russians, they just hated everything that is behind the Russian border. These Russian soldiers were all very mad, and this was a reason too, I realized, when I asked myself why this happened. And so this is my answer.

Mr. JACKSON. I am sure that you have read of the proposals for a summit conference—

The WITNESS. Yes.

Mr. JACKSON. As between certain nations of the Soviet bloc and the free world, including the United States.

What in your opinion will be the effect upon enslaved millions of people behind the Iron Curtain if such a conference takes place? What will they interpret it to mean, in your opinion?

The WITNESS. Such a conference, it depends in what forum that you talk, and I didn't understand quite your question.

Mr. JACKSON. Well, it is very difficult to arrive at any decision as to what is to be discussed. That is one of the big problems.

The WITNESS. If there will be a talking about the special question, like Lebanon or like the Middle East, or something like that, I don't think so, that it could be any good. I think this is my opinion because even if the Russians will step back one step, it is very naive to believe them that they will somewhere else not step two steps forward. And this is my opinion about the summit conference.

Of course, it is never a bad thing to talk with each other, but now the situation is much worse, and I don't know what is—I am not a politician and I am not a military man—I don't know what we can do in the Middle East. How can we support over there some government or some troops, how can we get supplies for them, I don't know that, so I don't want to tell anything about that.

Mr. JACKSON. I reiterate the expression of appreciation which the chairman has voiced, and will conclude by saying that if the American people are aware, to any considerable degree, of the true nature

of the Communist conspiracy and of its operation behind the Iron Curtain and elsewhere throughout the world, it is due in large part to people like yourself, who do not have to speak theoretically about communism, but speak out of bitter experiences with it.

I hope, too, that you will find every happiness for yourself and your mother in the United States, and close by saying that I am glad you are on our side, and not on the other.

The WITNESS. Thank you.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, that will conclude the presentation of witnesses during this hearing; and I respectfully suggest that before you proceed with your closing statement, we permit Mr. Bonora to escort the witness from the hearing room so he will be unavailable for any further scrutiny.

Mr. WILLIS. Will you do that now, before the closing statement?

In concluding the hearings, I should like to make a few brief observations respecting the significance and accomplishments of this particular investigation.

In the first place, we have seen here a pattern of Communist activities and techniques which verifies and confirms similar patterns which we have been observing elsewhere in the Nation.

There has been developed here new and convincing evidence regarding the problem of Communist propaganda, both foreign and domestic. There has been revealed factual information respecting strategy and tactics of Communists in maneuvering into groups and organizations which they seek to influence in the Communist objectives.

One of the world's top Communists, a former instructor in the Lenin School of Political Warfare, Georgi Dimitrov, once said:

As Soviet power grows, there will be a greater aversion to Communist parties everywhere. So we must practice the techniques of withdrawal. Never appear in the foreground; let our friends do the work.

Referring to the front organizations that have been sprouting by literally hundreds in America, we have a booklet for those who are interested, giving a list of all of these front organizations. It is an official publication, available to anyone who cares to write to our staff director.

Finally, there has been developed information which should stand as a warning to the South, namely, that as the textile and other industries are developed in the South, there is the ever-present threat of Communist penetration.

As Chairman Walter stated in opening the hearings, we have not tried to probe beyond the development of facts which show a pattern of operations; we have not sought to run down all possible leads. We believe that the evidence which is in our records now, however, does add materially to the fund of information already available as a foundation for legislative action.

There is a collateral result, moreover, from hearings of this type, which I believe will have a salutary and important effect, and it is this: that the Communist Party operation is real; it is a continuing, menacing, dynamic force of intrigue and subversion.

Communism is not merely a philosophical concept. The witness who testified respecting his harrowing experiences this morning in the Communist slave labor camps portrayed communism in action. I would not attempt to portray more vividly the realities of communism than he has done from the witness chair, under oath.

Here are recent words of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and I quote his words:

Public apathy is the sure way to national suicide—to death of individual freedom. It allowed the Communists to penetrate and make satellites of once-free countries, and it is presently enabling them to honeycomb and weaken the structures of the remaining countries, and there is today a terrifying apathy on the part of Americans toward the deadliest danger which this country has ever faced. Some of that apathy is deliberately induced.

He continues—this is J. Edgar Hoover speaking, one of the greatest Americans of all time:

The Communist Party in the United States is not out of business; it is not dead; it is not even dormant. It is, however, well on its way to achieving its current objective, which is to make you believe that it is shattered, ineffective, and dying. When it has fully achieved this first objective—

talking about throwing the dust in your eyes, as though the Communist Party is dormant in the United States, he says, when it has achieved that objective:

it will then proceed inflexibly toward its final goal.

and here are his concluding words:

Those who try to minimize its danger are either uninformed or they have a deadly axe to grind.

That is what J. Edgar Hoover said.

We on the committee will return to Washington with the information which has been developed here and use it as part of the fund of knowledge which we are gaining to assist us in the discharge of our duties, which, under a mandate of the Congress are, in essence, to maintain a continuing surveillance over the operation of our various security laws and to recommend, when necessary, amendments to those laws or the enactment of new ones.

Before concluding, I should like to express the thanks of the committee to Armando Penha, who unselfishly and patriotically served his country by working as an undercover agent on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the Communist Party.

Without such men as this brave young man, the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and our committee in the field of investigation of subversion would be impossible. He has rendered an outstanding service, and we are pleased to commend him publicly for it.

Also on behalf of the committee, I would like to pay tribute to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Attorney General Eugene Cook, and to Mr. Irving Fishman of the Bureau of Customs. These men have likewise contributed substantially to the success of our work.

I would not presume to express appreciation or thanks to the witnesses before this committee who have refused to cooperate, most of whom have been identified under oath as members of the Communist Party. By indirection they have likewise, unwittingly perhaps, given the committee very valuable information, whether they know it or not, because we can match up what they said or did not say, or the way they said it, to the pattern of other hearings we have had.

We would like to express our thanks to Federal Judge Frank A. Hooper, who has most courteously made available to us this very fine courtroom. We would also like to thank United States Marshal William C. Littlefield and his capable and courteous deputies.

Finally, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the members of the press, and of the radio and television profession, who have been most courteous and cooperative.

Mr. Jackson, would you care to add some extemporaneous remarks?

Mr. JACKSON. Nothing, I think, Mr. Chairman, can be added to what you said, except we on the subcommittee all appreciate, I am sure, the very warm reception we had in Atlanta. I don't know whether it is the very hospitable attitude of this City or not, but even the most cantankerous of the witnesses didn't begin to measure up to some we have had elsewhere, and they will probably be chided by the party for their dereliction in this regard. They didn't do a very good job of being mean. With that, Mr. Chairman, I simply want to say a word of personal thanks to all those you have thanked.

Mr. WILLIS. This will conclude the hearings in Atlanta.

(Whereupon, at 12 o'clock noon, Thursday, July 31, 1958, the hearings in Atlanta, Georgia, were concluded.)

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